THE HANDBOOK OF ILLUSTRATED PROVERBS

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THE HANDBOOK OF APPROVED PROVERBS OF VARIOUS NATIONS AND LANGUAGES,
ANCIENT AND MODERN. ILLUSTRATED WITH NUMEROUS
ENGRAVINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS:
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Preface

I have a few occupations that I have done concurrently, one of which is being a book dealer, another of which is being a publisher. One of the most rewarding things about being a book dealer is that I find amazing books that very few people today seem to know about. When I find a great one, I then realize that the world would be a better place if more people knew about the work, so I see to it that I republish it in whatever way I can.

One of the biggest discoveries came to me when looking at another work by the author and illustrator of one of my favorite books called "The Bible Looking Glass," by John W. Barber. This other work I found of his by research is called "The Handbook of Illustrated Proverbs." Part of it is like "The Bible Looking Glass" — original metaphoric and allegorical visual emblems illustrating spiritual principles. He did this same thing with his book on wise sayings, but then had a very long list of proverbs by themselves. I realized that many of this wise sayings had not been heard much in the hundred and fifty years since publication.

There does not seem to me to be many things as scandalous as society not reprinting its wisdom from age to age. I realized that reprinting the whole volume might add a tone of antiquated oddness that not every one would appreciate, but most people enjoy reading wise sayings, so I decided to reprint just them.

I had to spend much time editing them because the text I found online for them was typo-laden. Google had scanned the images and then when it did its computerized rendition into text like all such examples it creates it does not spend any time correcting what seems to be about a 30% rate of error, either in added gibberish or just misspelled words.

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PROVERBS ILLUSTRATED BY ENGRAVINGS (THIS SECTION IS NOT REPRESENTED HERE)

Wisdom is better than Strength

Appearances are often Deceitful

Too many Cooks spoil the Broth

Borrowed Garments never fit well

Longest way round, is the Shortest way home

The Brave suffer little, Cowards much

'Tis all for the Best

Where there is a Will, there is a Way

Man thinks he's wiser-God shows him his folly

The Rat that has but one hole is soon caught

Where one will not, Two cannot fight

A Change, but no relief

If you want a thing done, go if not, send

Let sleeping dogs lie

He that is warm, thinks all are so

He that would fish, must not mind getting wet

Much meat, much Malady

The master's eye does more work than his hands

Try the ice before you venture on it

A Stitch in time, saves nine

Penny wise and Pound foolish

Stop the beginning of Evil

Nature will out

A Friend in need, is a Friend indeed

Man's extremity, is God's opportunity

Necessity is the Mother of Invention

Hope for the Best - be prepared for the Worst

He that lies with Dogs, will rise with Fleas

Let other people's Quarrels alone

Safe Bind, safe Find

Haste makes Waste

He that's aground knows where the Shoal is

Make Hay while the sun shines

Lazy Folks take the most pains

Two Heads are better than one

Quarrel with a Sweep, and you'll get blackened

Strike while the Iron is hot

He makes himself Sugar - the Flies eat him up

Out of the Frying-pan into the Fire

None so Deaf as those that won't Hear

All is/well that Ends well

He that helps Another, helps Himself

Experience teaches

Be sure you're Right, then go ahead

Proverbial Phrases selected from various languages, having the principal words in italic

Proverbs belonging to Health, Diet.

Proverbs about Husbandry, Weather

Proverbs referring to Love, Wedlock

Hebrew Proverbs

Good Books create Knowledge, Virtue, and Happiness

Select Sentences

He dug a pit, and fell into it himself.

Climb not too high, lest the fell be greater.

Slow, but sure.

Much Coin, much Care.

Too much of a Good thing, is worse than Nothing.

Better Bend than Break.

What is Everybody's Business is Nobody's Business.

All are not thieves that dogs bark at.

Goods well bought, are half sold.

Let well enough alone.

It costs more to revenge Injuries than to bear them.

The worth of a thing is known by the want of it.

The Hog never looks higher than his head.

Little strokes fell great Oaks.

Prevention is better than Cure.

Prove all things, hold fast that which is good.

They conquer who endure.

Knowledge is Power.

Wisdom is better than Strength.

A bad workman quarrels with his tools.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

A blind man will not thank you for a looking-glass.

A bad padlock invites a picklock.

A blunt wedge will sometimes do what a sharp axe will not.

A bridle for the tongue is a necessary piece of furniture. A burden of one's own choice is not felt.

A cake eaten in peace is worth two in trouble.

A candle lights others and consumes itself.

A clear conscience laughs at false accusations.

A danger foreseen is half avoided.

A diamond is valuable though it lie on a dunghill.

A fair face may hide a foul heart.

A fool may ask more questions in an hour, than a wise man can answer in seven years.

A fault confessed is half redeemed.

A fox should not be of the jury at a goose's trial.

A friend in need, is a friend indeed.

A good cause makes a stout heart and a strong arm.

A good example is the best sermon.

A good paymaster never wants workmen.

A goose-quill is more dangerous than a lion's claw.

A grain of prudence is worth a pound of craft.

A great man's foolish sayings pass for wise ones.

A guilty conscience needs no accuser.

A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

A handsaw is a good thing, but not to shave with.

A house ready built never sells for so much as it cost.

A joke never gains an enemy, but often loses a friend.

A liar is is not believed when he speaks the truth.

A little body often harbors a great soul.

A little stream may quench thirst as well as a great river.

A mad bull is not to be tied up with pack-thread.

A man in a passion rides a horse that runs away with him.

A man may say too much even upon the best of subjects.

A man may talk like a wise man, but act like a fool.

A man that breaks his word bids others be false to him.

A mole wants no lantern.

A mouse, in time, will cut a cable asunder.

A proud wife, and a back door, will often make a rich man poor.

A money-getting religion never wanted proselytes.

A ready way to lose your friend is to lend him money.

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

A single fact is worth a ship load of argument.

A slip of the foot may soon be recovered; but that of the tongue perhaps never.

A soldier, fire, and water, soon make way for themselves.

A thief passes for a gentleman, when stealing has

made him rich.

A thread-bare coat is armor proof against robbers.

A wise man makes more opportunities than he finds.

A woman's work, and washing of dishes, is never at an end.

A work well begun is half ended.

A word and a blow - A word is enough to the wise.

Abundance, like want, ruins many.

Accusing is proving, when malice and force sit judges.

All complain of want of memory, but none of want of judgment.

All men can't be first - All men can't be masters.

All things are easy that are done willingly.

An acute word cuts deeper than a sharp weapon.

An honest man's word is as good as his bond.

An idle person is the devil's play-fellow.

Anger begins with folly, and ends with repentance.

As you make your bed, so you must lie.

At the gate where suspicion enters, love walks out.

Bad priests bring the devil into the church.

Barefooted men must not go among thorns.

Barking dogs seldom bite.

Be a friend to thyself, and others will be so.

Be bold, but not too bold.

Be just to all, but not trust all.

Be slow in choosing, but slower in changing.

Be slow to promise, quick to perform.

Bear and forbear is good philosophy.

Beauty draws more than oxen.

Bees that have honey, have stings.

Beggars should not be choosers.

Believe only half of what you hear of a man's wealth and goodness.

Bells call others to church, but go not themselves.

Better a bad excuse than none at all.

Better a master to be feared than despised.

Better an empty house than an ill tenant.

Better be alone than in bad company.

Better be an old man's darling, than a young man's slave.

Better be poor and live, than rich and perish.

Better face a danger once than be always in fear.

Better fare hard with good men than feast with bad.

Better give a shilling than lend half a crown.

Better give the wool than the whole sheep.

Better half a loaf than no bread.

Better known than trusted.

Better late than never.

Better late ripe and bear, than early blossom and blast.

Better one's house be too little one day, than too big all the year after

Better bend than break.

Better one word in time than two afterwards.

Beware of a silent dog, and still water.

Beware of him who regards not his reputation.

Birds of a feather flock together.

Blessing are not valued till they are gone.

Borrow not too much upon time to come.

Too many Cooks spoil the Broth.

Bought wit is best, but may cost too much.

Brevity is the soul of wit.

Bribes throw dust into cunning men's eyes.

Burn not your house to fright away mice.

Business makes a man as well as tries him.

Buyers wants an hundred eyes, sellers none.

By guess, as the blind man felled the dog.

By ignorance we mistake, and by mistakes we learn.

By the husk you may guess at the nut.

Calamity is the touchstone of a brave mind.

Call me cousin, but cozen me not.

Call not the surgeon before you are wounded.

Care and diligence bring luck.

Careless shepherds make many a feast for the wolf.

Catch not at the shadow, and lose the substance.

Catch the bear before you sell his skin.

Cato said, "he had rather people should inquire why he had not a statue erected to his memory, than why he had."

Censure's the tax a man pays the public for being eminent.

Chains of gold are stronger than chains of iron.

Children and fools tell truth.

Children, when little, make parents fools; when great, mad.

Chose a wife rather by your ear than your eye.

Climb not too high, lest the fall be greater.

Clouds that the sun builds up, darken him.

Clowns are best in their own company, but gentlemen are best every where.

Cold broth hot again, that loved I never; old love renewed again, that loved I ever.

Common sense is the growth of all countries.

Company in misery makes it light.

Conform to common custom, and not to common folly.

Consideration gets as many victories as rashness loses.

Consideration is half conversion.

Consideration is the parent of wisdom.

Constant complaints never get pity.

Constant occupation prevents temptation.

Contempt is the sharpest reproof.

Contempt will sooner kill an injury than revenge.

Content is the true philosopher's stone.

Content lodges oftener in cottages than in palace.

Cooks are not to be taught in their own kitchen.

Count not your chickens before they are hatched.

Courage, conduct, and perseverance conquer all be fore them.

Courtesy is the inseparable companion of virtue.

Courtesy on one side can never last long.

Covetousness, as well as prodigality, brings a man to a morsel of broad.

Covetousness often starves other vices.

Cowards run the greatest danger of any men in a battle.

Craft must have clothes, but truth loves to go naked.

Crafty evasions save not veracity.

Crafty men deal in generals.

Creditors have better memories than debtors.

Credulity thinks others short sighted.

Crooked by nature, is never made straight by education.

Crosses are ladders to heaven.

Curse on accounts with relations.

Custom is the plague of wise men, and the idol of fools.

Cut your coat according to your cloth.

Danger is next door to security.

Death devours lambs as well as sheep.

Death is deaf, and hears no denial.

Deeds are fruits, words are. leaves.

Debt is the worst kind of poverty.

Deep rivers move in silence, shallow brooks are noisy.

Defer not till to-morrow what may be done today.

Delays are dangerous.

Dependence is a poor trade to follow.

Borrowed Garments never fit well.

Destroy the lion while be is but a whelp.

Detraction is a weed that grows only on dunghills.

Diet cures more than the lancet.

Diligence is the mother of good fortune.

Discreet wives have sometimes neither ears nor eyes.

Diseases are the tax on ill pleasures.

Disputations leave truth in the middle, and party at both ends.

Dissemblers oftener deceive themselves than others.

Do all you can to be good, and you'll be so.

Do as the friar saith, not as he doeth.

Do it well that thou may'st not do it twice.

Do not all you can; spend not all you have; believe

not all you hear; and tell not all you know.

Do not halloo till you are out of the wood.

Do not make fish of one and flesh of another.

Do not spur a free horse.

Do unto others as you would be done unto.

Do what thou ought, let come what may.

Dogs gnaw bones, because they cannot swallow them.

Dogs wage their tails not so much to you as your bread.

Dogs never go into mourning when a horse dies.

Drink washes off the daub, and discovers the man.

Drive thy business, let not that drive thee.

Drowning men will catch at a rush.

Drunkenness makes some men fools, some beasts, and some devils.

Each bird loves to hear himself sing.

Eagles fly alone, but sheep flock together.

Early ripe, early rotten.

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise.

Eat to live, but do not live to eat.

Eat well is drink-well's brother.

Education begins a gentleman, conversation completes him.

Empty vessels give the greatest sounds.

Enough's as good as a feast, to one that's not a beast.

Even doubtful accusations leave a stain behind them.

Even fools sometimes speak to the purpose.

Even sugar itself may spoil a good dish.

Every age confutes old errors, and begets new.

Every bird likes his own nest the best.

Everybody's business, is nobody's business.

Every cook praises his own broth.

Every day hath its night, every weal its woe.

Every dog hath its day, and every man his hour.

Every fool can find faults that a great many wise men can't remedy.

Every good scholar is not a good schoolmaster.

Every heart hath its own ache.

Every man doth his own business best.

Every man hath his hobby horse.

Every man hath his weak side.

Every man loves justice at another man's house, nobody cares for it at his own.

Every man can tame a shrew but he that hath.

Every one is kin to the rich man.

The longest way round, is the shortcut way home.

Every one thinks himself able to advise another.

Every one puts his fault on the times.

Evil comes to us by ells, and goes away by inches.

Evil communications corrupt good manners.

Evil is soon believed.

Evil that cometh out of thy mouth flieth into thy bosom.

Example is better than precept.

Expect nothing from him who promises a great deal.

Experience is good if not bought too dear.

Experience is the father of wisdom, and memory the mother.

Experience is the mistress of fools.

Face to face, the truth comes out.

Fain would the cat fish eat, hut she's loath to wet her feet.

Faint praise is disparagement.

Fair words and foul play cheat both young and old.

Fair words break no bone, but foul words many.

Fall not out with a friend for a trifle.

Fame is a magnifying glass.

Fancy may bolt bran, and think it flour.

Far from court, far from care.

Faults are thick where love is thin.

Faults that are rich are fair.

Feed a pig, and you'll have a hog.

Feed sparingly, and defy the physician.

Few words are best - Few words, many deeds.

Few men will be better than their interest bids then.

Fiddlers' dogs and fleas come to a feast uncalled.

Fields have eyes, and hedges ears.

Fire is not to be quenched with tow.

Fire and water are good servants, but bad masters.

First come, first served.-- First creep, then go.

Flattery sits in the parlor, when plain dealing is kicked out of doors.

Flight towards preferment will be but slow without some golden feathers.

Fling down the nest and the rooks will be gone.

Follow the river and you will get to sea.

Folly is the product of all countries and ages.

Fools and obstinate men make lawyers rich.

Fools are not to be convinced.

Fools build houses and wise men buy them.

Fools should not see half done work.

For that thou canst do thyself rely not on another.

For want of a nail the shoe is lost; for want of a shoe, the horse is lost; for want of a horse the man is lost.

The Brave suffer little, Cowards much.

Moral bravery is superior to physical.

Foxes never fair better than when they are cursed.

Friends are not so soon got, or recovered, as lost.

Friends need no formal invitation.

Frightening a bird is not the way to catch it.

From a bad paymaster, get what you can.

From nothing, nothing can come.

From saving, comes having.

Frugality is an estate alone.

Gain got by a lie will burn one's fingers.

Game is cheaper in the markets than in the fields and woods.

Gentry sent to market will not buy one bushel of corn.

Getting out well is a quarter of the journey.

Give advice to all, but be security for none.

Give him an inch, and he'll take a mile.

Give him but rope enough, and he'll hang himself.

Go further and fare worse.

Go into the country to hear what news in town.

God healeth, and the physician hath the thanks.

God helps the poor, for the rich can help themselves.

God helps those who help themselves.

God never sends mouths, but he sends meat.

God permits the wicked, but not for ever.

God shapes the back for the burden.

God sends meats, and the devil sends cooks.

God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.

God, who made the world so wisely, as wisely governs it.

Gold goes in at any any gate except heaven's.

Good at a distance, is better than evil at hand.

Good bargains are pick-pockets.

Good clothes open all doors.

Good health is above all wealth.

Good horses can't be of a bad color.

Good swimmers are oftenest drowned.

Good words cool more than cold water.

Good words cost nothing, bat are worth much.

Goods are theirs only who enjoy them.

Government of the will is better than increase of knowledge.

Grasp no more than thy hand will hold.

Great bodies move slowly.

Great braggers, little doers.

Great hopes make great men.

Great men have more adorers than friends.

Great minds are easy in prosperity, and quiet in adversity.

Great persons seldom see their faces in a true glass.

Great talkers are like leaky pitchers, every thing runs out of them.

Great trees keep down the little ones.

Half a loaf is better than no bread.

Half witted fools speak much, and say little.

Have a place for every thing, and have every thing in its place.

Haste trips up its own heels.

Hatred is blind, as well as love.

Have not thy cloak to make when it begins to rain.

He benefits himself, that doth good to others.

He best keeps from anger, who remembers that God is always looking upon him.

He can hide his meat and seek more.

He can swim without bladders.

He cares not whose child cry, so his laugh.

He covers me with his wings, and bites me with his bill.

He cries wine, and sells vinegar.

He declares himself guilty, who justifies himself before accusation.

He draws water with a sieve.

He giveth one knock on the hoop, and another on the barrel; i. e., he speaks now to the purpose, now on matters wholly extraneous.

He goes a great voyage, that goes to the bottom of the sea.

He must rise betimes, who would please every body.

He has eat up the pot, and asks for the pipkin.

He has great need of a wife that marries mamma's darling.

He has hit the nail on the head.

He has riches enough, who needs neither borrow nor flatter.

He has two strings to one bow.

He hath made a good progress in a business, who hath thought well of it before-hand.

He hath played a wily trick, and beguiled himself.

He hath tied a knot with his tongue, that he cannot untie with all his teeth.

He is above his enemies that despises their injuries.

He is in great danger, who, being sick, thinks himself well.

He is lifeless, that is faultless.

He is like a bell, that will answer every pull.

He is miserable once who feels it, but twice who fears it before it comes.

He is more nice than wise.

He is my friend that helps me, not he that pitieth me.

He that is busy, is tempted but by one devil; he that is idle, by a legion.

He that is disposed for mischief will never want occasion.

He that is guilty thinks he would turn round.

He that is master of himself\(^\) will soon be master of others.

He that is poor, all his kindred scorn him; he that is rich, all are kin to him.

He that knows when to speak, knows too when to be silent.

He that will not be counseled, cannot be helped.

He that runs fast, will not run long.

Where there Is a Will, there Is a Way.

He that is surety for another, is never sure himself.

He that knows least, commonly presumes most.

He that listens for what people say of him, shall never have peace.

He that looks too nicely into things, never lives easy.

He that makes himself a sheep, shall be eaten by the wolf.

He that mindeth not his own business, shall never be trusted with mine.

He that overcomes his passions, overcomes his greatest enemies.

He that overfeeds his senses, feasteth his enemies.

He that payeth before hand, shall have his work ill done.

He that plants trees, loves others besides himself.

He that prepares for ill, gives the blow a meeting, and breaks the stroke.

He that steals an egg will steal an ox.

He that promises too much, means nothing.

He that regards not a penny, will lavish a pound.

He that resolves to deal with none but honest men, must leave off dealing.

He that scattereth thorns, must not go barefoot.

He that serves the public, obliges nobody.

He that speaks ill of his wife dishonored himself.

He that strikes my dog would strike me if he durst.

He that waits for dead men's shoes, may go long enough barefoot.

He that will conquer, must fight.

He that will deceive the fox must rise betimes.

He that will have no trouble in this world, must not be born in it.

He that would have the kernel must crack the shell.

He that will not sail till all dangers are over, must never put to sea.

He that will not sail till he has a full fair wind, will lose many a voyage.

He that will steal a pin, will steal a better thine.

He that worketh wickedness by another, is wicked himself.

He that would be a head, let him be a bridge.

He that would kill his dog, gives out first that he is mad.

He that would have the fruit must climb the tree.

He will shoot higher that shoots at the moon, than he that shoots at a dunghill, though he miss the mark.

He would fain fly, but wants the feathers.

He'd skin a louse, and send the hide to market.

He'll eat till he sweats, and work till he freezes.

He'll soon be a beggar that cannot say no.

He's a thief, for he has taken a dram too much.

He's a wise man. who, when he's well off can keep so.

He's like a cat, fling him which way you will, he'll land on his feet.

He's like the singed cat, better than he looks.

He's my friend that speaks well of me behind my back.

He's so full of himself, that he's quite empty.

He's wise that knows when he's well enough.

Health is better than wealth.

Man thinks himself wise, till God shows him his folly.

Health is not valued till sickness comes.

Hearts may agree, though heads differ.

Here's talk of the Turk and Pope, but it's my next neighbor that does me the harm.

Hide nothing from thy minister, physician and lawyer.

Hiders are good finders.

High places have their precipices.

High regions are never without storms.

His room's better than his company.

He that would thrive by law, must see his enemy's counsel as well as his own.

He that's always shooting, must sometimes hit.

He that's down, down with him cries the world.

He who avoids the temptation, avoids the sin.

He that commences many things, finishes but few.

He that depends on another, dines ill, and sups worst.

He who does not rise early, never does a good day's work.

He who gets, doth much, but he who keeps, doth more.

He who gives fair words, feeds you with an empty spoon.

He who greases his wheels, helps his oxen.

He who has no shame, has no conscience.

He who is a good paymaster, is lord of another man's purse.

He who knows himself best, esteems himself least.

He who peeps through a hole may see what will vex him.

He who says what he likes, may hear what he does not like.

He who serves the public, has but a scurvy master.

He who stumbles twice over one stone, deserves to break his shins.

He who swells in prosperity, will sink in adversity.

He who thinks he knows the most, knows the least.

He who trusts all things to chance, makes a lottery of his life.

He who will stop every man's mouth, must have a great deal of meal.

He who would reap well must sow well.

He tells me my way, and don't know his own.

He that always complains, is never pitied.

He that blows in the dust, fills his own eyes.

He that buys a house ready wrought, hath many a pin and nail for nought.

He that by the plow would thrive, himself must either hold or drive.

He that cannot conceal his own shame will not conceal another's.

He that dares not venture, must not complain of ill luck.

He that ceaseth to be a friend, never was a good one.

He that does you a very ill turn, will never forgive you.

He that does his own business, hurteth not his hand.

He that eats till he is sick, must fast till he is well.

He that falls today, may be up again to-morrow.

He that fears leaves, must not come into a wood.

He that finds a thing, steals it, if he tries not to restore it.

He that flings dirt at another, dirties himself most.

He that giveth to a good man, selleth well.

He that goes a borrowing, goes a sorrowing,

He that gropes in the dark, finds what he would not.

He that hath a head of wax, must not walk in the sun.

He that hath been bitten by a serpent, is afraid of a rope.

He that hath too many irons in the fire, some of them will cool.

He that his money lends, loseth both coin and friends.

He is rich that is satisfied.

He is the wretch that does the injury, not he that endures it.

He is wise that hath wit enough for his own affairs.

He is wise that can make a friend of a foe.

He knows which side of his bread is buttered.

He lives long, that lives till all are weary of him.

He looks one way, and rows another.

He may be heard when he is not seen.

He may be trusted with a house full of millstones.

He may find fault, but let him mend it if he can.

He must be a wise man himself, who is capable of distinguishing one.

He must needs swim, that's held up by the chin.

He must not talk of running, that cannot go.

He must stoop, that hath a low door.

He overcomes a stout enemy, that overcomes his own anger.

He passes sentence before he has the evidence.

He pins his faith upon another man's sleeve.

He preaches well that lives well.

He put a fine feather in his cap.

He robs Peter, to pay Paul.

He has enough to do, who studies to please fools.

He teaches me to be good, that does me good.

Home is home, be it ever so homely.

Honest as the cat, when the meat is out of reach.

Honesty is the best policy.

Honor and ease are seldom bedfellows.

Honor buys no beef in the market.

Hope is a good breakfast, but a bad supper.

Hot love is soon cold - Human blood is all one color.

Humanity often gains more than pride.

Hunger and thirst scarcely kill any, but gluttony and

thirst kill a great many.

Hunger finds no fault with the cookery.

Hungry men think the cook lazy.

I can see as far into a millstone as another man.

I cannot sell the cow and have the milk.

I gave you a stick to break my own head with.

I have a good cloak, but it is in France.

I have lived too near the woods to be scared by owls.

I live, and lords do no more.

I love you well, but touch not my pocket

I sell nothing on trust till to-morrow.

I taught you to swim, and now you'd drown me.

I would not have your cackling for your eggs.

If an ass goes a traveling, he'll not come home a horse.

If every one would mend one, all would be amended.

If money will not be thy servant, it will be thy master.

If pride were an art, there would be many teachers.

If strokes are good to give, they are good to receive.

If the best man's faults were written on his forehead, it would make him pull his hat over his eyes.

If the counsel be good, no matter who gave it.

If the devil catch a man idle, he'll set him at work.

If the mountain will not go to Mahomet, let Mahomet go the mountain.

If the walls were adamant, gold would take the town.

If thou canst not see the bottom, wade not.

If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.

If you don't open the door to the devil, he goes away.

If you grease a cause well, it will stretch.

If you have a loitering servant, place his dinner be-

fore him and send him on an errand.

If you have no enemies, it is a sign fortune has forgot you.

If you leap into a well, Providence is not bound to

fetch you out.

If you love not the noise of the bells, why pull the ropes?

Jack of all trades, and master of none.

Judge not of men, or things, at first sight.

Keep a thing for seven years, and you'll find a use for it.

Keep away from quarrels; be neither a witness nor a party.

Keep good company, and you shall be of the number.

Keep no more cats than will catch mice

Keep the common road, and thou art safe.

Keep the staff in your own hand.

Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee.

Keeping from falling, is better than helping up.

Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with.

Kings and bears oft wrong their keepers.

Kings have long arms, and have many eyes and ears.

Knaves imagine nothing can be done, without knavery.

Knowledge in youth, is wisdom in old age.

Knowledge is silver among the poor, gold among the nobles, and a jewel among princes.

Knowledge, without practice, makes but half an artist.

Land was never lost for want of an heir.

Large trees give more shade than fruit.

Law cannot persuade, where it cannot punish.

Law makers should not be law breakers.

Law's costly; take a pint of it and then agree.

Laws catch flies, but let hornets go free.

Lay things by, they may come to use.

Laziness travels so slow, that poverty overtakes him.

Lean liberty is better than fat slavery.

Learning makes a great man better, and an ill man worse.

Least said is soonest mended.

Lend thy horse for a long journey, thou mayest have him return with his skin.

Less of your courtesy, and more of your purse.

Let every man praise the bridge he goes over.

Let your letter stay for the post, not the post for the letter; i. e. be always beforehand with your business.

Liars begin by imposing upon others, but end by deceiving themselves.

Liars should have good memories.

Life would be too smooth if it had no rubs in it.

Light cares speak, great ones are dumb.

Like the cat, ye fain would catch fish, but ye are loth to wet your feet.

Like the cow that gives a good pail of milk, and then kicks it over.

Like the dog in the manger, he will neither eat, nor let others eat.

Listen at the keyhole, and you'll hear news of yourself.

Little boats must keep the shore, larger ships may venture more.

Little and often fills the purse.

Little dogs start the hare, but great ones catch it.

Little minds, like weak liquors, are soonest soured.

Irving upon trust, is the way to pay double.

Lock the stable door before the steed is stolen.

Lookers on, see more than the players.

Love, a cough, and the itch, cannot be hid.

Love is blind - Love laughs at locksmiths.

Love and lordship like no fellowship.

Love thy neighbor, but pull not down thy fence.

Love is without prudence, and anger without counsels.

Love, knavery, and necessity, make good orators.

Lying rides on debt's back.

Make not the sauce till you have caught the fish.

Man punishes the action, but God the intention.

Many a good drop of broth is made in an old pot.

Many a slip 'twixt cup and lip.

Many a true word spoken in jest.

Many can bear adversity, but few contempt

Many come to bring their clothes to church, rather than themselves.

Many dogs soon eat up a horse.

Many get into a dispute well that cannot get out well.

Many go out for wool and come home shorn.

Many hands make light work.

Many talk like philosophers, and live like fools.

Many things lawful, are not expedient.

Many who wear swords, are afraid of goose quills.

Many would be cowards if they had courage enough.

Masters are mostly the greatest servants in the house.

Masters should be sometimes blind, and often deaf.

Men apt to promise, are apt to forget.

Mildness governs more than anger.

Mischiefs come by pounds, and go away by ounces.

Misfortunes come, on wings, and depart on foot.

Misfortunes that can't be avoided must be sweetened.

Money is welcome, though it comes in a dirty bag.

If you want a thing done, go; if not, tend.

More die by food than famine.

More have repented of speech than silence.

More than we use, is more than we want.

Much better never catch a rogue than let him go again.

Much law, but no justice - Much prayer, but no piety.

Murder will out. - Mud chokes no eels.

Nature draws more than ten oxen.

Nature must obey necessity.

Nature takes as much pains in the forming of a beggar as an emperor.

Nature, time, and patience, are the three great physicians.

Necessity and opportunity make cowards valiant.

Necessity dispenses with decorum.

Necessity bath no law.

Necessity is the mother of invention.

Neglect will sooner kill an injury than revenge.

Never ask pardon before you are accused.

Never find anything before it is lost.

Never cry halloo till you are out of the wood.

Never leave that till to-morrow, which you can do today.

Never put the plow before the oxen.

Never praise a ford till you are over.

Never fall out with your bread and butter.

Never quit certainty for hope.

Never wade in unknown waters.

Never ride a free horse to death.

Never too old to learn.

Never tell your foe when your feet sleeps.

Never trust to another what you should do yourself.

Never venture out of your depth till you can swim.

Never show your teeth unless you can bite.

New brooms sweep clean.

New dishes beget new appetites.

New grief awakes the old.

New honors change manners. - New lords, new laws.

Nice cats seldom meet with a good dinner.

Nightingales can sing their own song best.

No alchemy like saving.

No choice amongst stinking fish.

No condition so low, but may have hopes; none so high, but may have fears.

No fine clothes can hide the clown.

No foolery like falling out. - No joy without alloy.

No honest man ever repented of his honesty.

No man can serve two masters.

No man is free who does not command himself.

No man is worse for knowing the worst of himself.

No mother is so wicked but wishes good children.

Let Sleeping Dogs lie.

No pride like that of an enriched beggar.

No raillery is worse than that' which is true.

No receiver, no thief - No rose without a thorn.

No vice but has its patron - No vice goes alone.

No wonder he breaks his shins that walks in the dark.

None can play the fool so well as a wise man.

None so well but be hopes to be better.

None so blind as those who won't see.

None but a wise man can employ leisure well.

Not possession, but use is the only riches.

Not to go forward in the path of virtue, is to go backward.

Not to oversee workmen, is to leave them with your purse open.

Nothing is well said or done in a passion.

Nothing sharpens sight like envy.

Nothing that is violent is permanent.

Nothing venture, nothing have.

Nothing is a man's truly, but what he comes by duly.

Nothing is easy to the unwilling.

Obedience is more seen in little things than great.

Of all studies, study your present condition.

Of two evils choose the least.

Of all flatterers, self-love is the greatest.

Of nothing comes nothing - Of saving comes getting.

Oil and truth come uppermost at last.

Old dogs don't bark for nothing.

Old foxes want no tutors.

Old praise dies unless you feed it.

Old reckonings breed new disputes.

On Candlemas day, you must have half your straw and half your hay.

One bad example spoils many good precepts.

One bird in the net is better than a hundred flying.

On paintings and fighting look afar off.

One eye of the master sees more than four of the servants.

One eye-witness is better than ten hearsays.

One foot is better than two crutches.

One hour today is better than two to-morrow.

One is not so soon healed as hurt.

One man's meat is another's poison.

One mad action is not enough to prove a man mad.

One may see day at a little hole.

One may be confuted and yet not convinced.

One may understand like an angel, and yet be a devil.

One nail drives out another.

One of these days is none of these days.

One ounce of discretion is worth a pound of wit.

One part of knowledge consists in being ignorant of

such things as are not worthy to be known.

One swallow does not make a summer.

Open rebuke is better than secret hatred.

Out of sight, out of mind.

Owe money to be paid at Easter, and Lent will seem short.

Passion is a fever that leaves us weaker than it finds us.

Patience is the best buckler against affronts.

Patience is a plaster for all sores.

Pay as you go, and keep from small scores.

Pay what you owe, and what your worth you'll know.

Penny wise and pound foolish.

Physicians' faults are covered with earth, and rich men's with money.

Plain dealing is more praised than practiced.

Plain dealing's a jewel, but they that use it die beggars.

Poets are born, orators are made.

Positive men are most often in error.

Possession is nine points of the law.

Poverty craves many things, but avarice more.

Poverty makes a man acquainted with strange bed fellows.

Practice makes perfect - Practice what you preach.

Praise the sea, but keep on the land.

Prayers and provender hinder no man's journey.

Precepts may lead, but examples draw.

Pride and poverty are ill met, yet often together.

He that is warm, thinks all are so.

Pride is as loud a beggar as want, and a great dealmore saucy.

Pride joined with many virtues chokes them all.

Pride may lurk under a thread-bare cloak.

Pride will have a fall.

Pride often borrows the cloak of humility.

Promise little and do much.

Promises are too much like pie crust.

Prosperity makes friends, but adversity tries them.

Proud looks lose hearts, but courteous words win them.

Provide for the worst, the best will save itself.

Prudent cruelty is better than foolish pity.

Quackery has no friend like gullibility.

Quarreling dogs come halting home.

Quick at meat, quick at work.

Quick come, quick go.

Quick landlords make careful tenants.

Quick returns make rich merchants.

Ragged colts may make fine horses.

Raise no more spirits than you can conjure down.

Rebuke with soft words and hard arguments.

Religion is the best armor, but the worst cloak.

Reprove thy friend privately; commend him publicly.

Reputation is often got without merit, and lost without fault.

Reproof never does a wise man harm.

Respect a man, and he will do the more.

Riches abuse those who know not how to use them.

Riches have made more men covetous, than covetousness hath made men rich.

Riches, like manure, do no good till they are spread.

Rolling stones gather no moss.

Rome was not built in a day.

Samson was a strong man, yet could not pay money

before be had it

Say nothing of my debts, unless you mean to pay them.

Say well and do well end with one letter, say well is good, but do well is better.

Saying and doing are two different things.

Scandal will rub out like dirt, when it is dry.

Scanderberg's sword must have Scanderberg's arm.

Scepters and sukors hate competitors.

Search not a wound too deep, lest thou make a new one.

Seek till you find, and you'll not lose your labor.

Send a fool to the market, and a fool he'll return;

Send your noble blood to market and see what it will buy.

Servants wont be diligent when the master's careless.

No pains, no gains - No meat, no sweet.

He that would catch Fish, must not mind getting wet.

Things usually do not go by luck, but by labor.

The pearl diver must not sit on the shore and wait for the pearl to come up. He must plunge into the water and go down to obtain it.

Serve a great man, and you'll know what sorrow is.

Short reckonings make long friends.

Sickness is felt, but health not at all.

Silence is wisdom when speaking is folly.

Silence seldom doth harm.

Silks and satins put out the kitchen fire.

Sins and debts are always more numerous than we think them to be.

Sit in your place, and none can make you rise.

Six feet of earth make all men of one size.

Sloth, like rust, consumes faster than labor wears.

Sloth makes all things difficult, but industry all things easy.

Sluggard's guise, slow to bed, and slow to rise.

Small faults indulged, are little thieves that let in greater.

Soft words are hard arguments.

Some are always busy and never do anything.

Some had rather guess at much, than take the pains to learn a little.

Some have been thought brave, because they were afraid to run away.

Spare the rod, and spoil the child.

Speak what you will, bad men will turn it ill.

Speak when you are spoken to; come when called.

Speak little, and to the purpose, and you will pass for somebody.

Surgeons should have an eagle's eye, a lion's heart, and a lady's hand.

Suspicion may be no fault; showing it is a great one.

Stake not thy head against another's hat.

Stole the horse and carried home the bridle.

Striving to better, we sometimes mar that which is well.

Tailors and writers must mind the fashion.

Take a man by his word, and a cow by her horns.

Take away fuel, take away flames.

Take me not up before I fall.

Talk is but talk; but 'tis money that buys land.

Talk of camps, but stay at home.

Talk of the war, but do not go to it.

Talking pays no toll.

Teaching others, teacheth yourself.

Tell me the company you keep, and I'll tell you what you are.

Tell not all you know, nor do all you can.

That physician is in a bad case whose physician hath the gout.

That city cannot prosper, where an ox is sold less than a fish.

That anger is not warrantable that sees two suns.

That fish is soon caught who nibbles at every bait.

That is a wise delay, which makes the road safe.

That is well spoken that is well taken.

That which we can live without, we need not covet.

That's a silly sheep that goes to the wolf to confess.

That trial is not fair where affection is judge.

That which covers thee, discovers thee.

The abuse of riches is worse than the want of them.

The anger of a good man is hardest to bear.

Much meat much malady.

The best metal is iron, the best Vegetable is wheat, the worst animal is man.

The bait hides the hook.

The balance distinguishes not between gold and lead.

The best mode of instruction is to practice what we preach.

The best physicians are Dr. Diet and Dr. Quiet.

The best remedy against an ill man, is much ground between both.

The best thing in the world, is to live above it.

The best throw of the dice, is to throw them away.

The brightest of all things, the sun, has its spots.

The burnt child dreads the fire.

The cat in gloves catches no mice.

The chicken is the country's, but the city eats it.

The coin most current is flattery.

The course of true love never did run smooth.

The cow gives good milk, but kicks over the pail.

The cross on his breast, but the devil in his heart.

The crutch of Time does more than the club of Hercules.

The danger past, and God forgotten.

The day has eyes, the night has ears.

The easiest way to dignity, is humility.

The ebb will fetch off what the tide brings in.

The empty vessel makes the greatest sound.

The envious hurt others some, but themselves more.

The fairer the paper the fouler the blot.

The fairest looking shoe may pinch the foot.

The first chapter of fools is to esteem themselves wise.

The first step to virtue, is to abstain from vice.

The great thieves punish the little ones.

The greatest things are done by the aid of small ones.

The eye of the master does more work than both his hands.

The highest spoke in fortune's, wheel may soon turn lowest.

The king can make a sergeant, but not a lawyer.

The king's cheese goes half away by parings.

The last benefit is the most remembered.

The lazy man is the beggar's brother.

The mill cannot grind with the water that is past.

The least and weakest man can do some hurt.

The mob has many heads, but no brains.

The money you refuse will never do you good.

The moon is not seen when the sun shines.

The more acquaintance, the more danger.

The more haste, the worst speed.

The most dangerous of wild beasts is a slanderer; of tame ones, a flatterer.

The most lasting monuments are made of paper.

The multitude of offenders is their protection.

The nimblest footman is a false tale.

The noblest remedy of injuries is oblivion.

The noblest vengeance is to forgive.

The noisy fowler catches no birds.

The owl thinks all her young ones beauties.

The people will worship a calf, if it be a golden one.

The praise of fools is censure in disguise.

The proof a pudding is in the eating.

The public has more interest in the punishment of an injury than he who receives it.

The purse of the patient protracts his cure.

The raven said to the rook, stand away, black coat.

The receiver is as bad as the thief.

The remedy is worse than the disease.

The robes of lawyers are lined with the obstinacy of clients.

The next vice is lying, if the first is owing money.

The sickness of the body may prove the health of the soul.

The sleeping fox catches no poultry.

The sluggard's convenient season never comes.

The smaller the drink, the cooler the blood, and the clearer the head.

The smallness of the kitchen makes the house the larger.

The soul is not where it lives, but where it loves.

The sting of a reproach is the truth of it.

The stone that lieth not in your way, need not offend you.

The sweetest wine makes the sharpest vinegar.

The subject's love is the king's best guard.

The table robs more than the thief.

The thought has good legs, and the quill a good tongue.

The tongue breaketh bone, though itself hath none.

The tongue is not steel, yet it cuts.

Hie treason is loved, but the traitor is hated.

The truest jest sounds worst in guilty ears.

The unrighteous penny corrupts the righteous pound.

The used key is always bright.

The usefullest truths are the plainest.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes.

The way to avoid great faults, is to beware of small ones.

The way to be safe, is never to feel secure.

The way to make ourselves admired, is to be what we affect to be thought

The wicked even hate vice in others.

The wicked grow worse, and good men better, for trouble.

The wise man draws more advantage from his foes, than a fool from his friends.

The wise man knows the fool, but the fool doth not know the wise man.

The world was never so dull, as if one won't another will.

The worse the passage, the more welcome the port.

The worth of a thing is that which it will bring.

There are more ways to the wood than one.

There came nothing out of the bag but what was in it.

There could be no great ones, were there no little ones.

There goes the wedge when the beetle drives it.

There is a medium between all fool and philosopher.

There is a scarcity of friendship, but none of friends.

There is more money got by ill means than by good acts.

There is more trouble in having nothing to do, than in having much to do.

There is much more learning than knowledge in the world.

There is no fire without some smoke.

There is no general rule without some exception.

There is no remedy from all evils but death.

There is no such flatterer as a man's self.

There is no worse robber than a bad book.

There's nothing agrees worse than a proud mind and a beggar's purse.

They agree like bells, they want nothing but hanging.

They can find money for mischief, when they can find none to buy corn.

They have begun a dispute which the devil will not let them end.

They hurt themselves, that wrong others.

They must hunger in frost, that will not work in heat.

They say so, is half a lie.

They that buy an office, must sell something.

They that command most, enjoy themselves the least.

They that fear an overthrow, are half beaten.

They that will not be counseled, cannot be helped.

They that live in glass houses should not throw stones.

They who seek only for faults, see nothing else.

Things at the worst, will sometimes mend.

Things hardly attained, are the longest retained.

Think much, speak little, and write less.

Think of ease, but work on.

This day there is no trust; come to-morrow.

Though malice may darken truth, it cannot put it out.

Though the sun shines, leave not your cloak at home.

Though the wolf may lose his teeth, he never loses his inclinations.

Though you are bound to love your enemy, you are not bound to put a sword, in his hand.

Threatened folks live long.

Three removes are as bad as a fire.

Three things only are well done in haste, flying from the plague, escaping quarrels, and catching fleas.

Thy secret is thy prisoner; if thou let it go, thou art a prisoner to it.

Time and tide wait for no man.

Time and words can never be recalled.

Time is a file that wears, and makes no noise.

Time is the rider that breaks the youth.

Time is the herald of truth - Time tries all.

'Tis a hard winter, when one wolf eats another.

'Tis a wicked world, and we make part of it.

'Tis vain to learn wisdom, and yet live foolishly.

'Tis a foolish wit that stirs up enemies against itself.

'Tis best to take half in hand, and the rest by and by.

Tis better to suffer wrong than do it.

'Tis easy to fall into a trap, but hard to get out again.

'Tis easier to bear unkindness than affronts.

'Tis easier to know how to speak, than how to be silent.

'Tis good to go afoot with a horse in hand.

'Tis harder to unlearn, than learn.

'Tis in vain to speak reason where it will not be heard.

'Tis not every question that deserves an answer.

Tis not the action but the intention, that is good or bad.

Tis pride, and not nature, that craves much.

Tis skill, not strength, that governs a ship.

'Tis the last straw that breaks the horse's back.

Tis the place that shows the man.

'Tis time to fear when tyrants seem to kiss.

Tis wisdom sometimes to seem a fool.

To a bad character, good doctrine avails nothing.

To a crazy ship, all winds are contrary.

To a full stomach, all meats are bad or indifferent.

To cry with one eye and laugh with the other.

Today is yesterday's scholar.

A Stitch in time, saves nine.

To err is human, to forgive divine.

To forget a wrong is the best revenge.

To fright a bird is not the way to catch him.

To get out of one mire, to run into another.

To have two strings to one's bow.

To kill two birds with one stone.

To lose a ship for want of a pennyworth of tar.

To make a mountain of a mole hill.

To make an empire durable, the magistrates must obey the laws, and the people the magistrates.

To see it rain, is better than to be in it.

To stumble at a straw, and leap over a block.

To weep too much for the dead, is to affront the living.

To work, or pay for a dead horse.

Too great and sudden changes, though for the better, are not easily borne.

Too much asseveration is a good ground of suspicion.

Too much consulting confounds.

Too much familiarity breeds contempt.

Too much fear cuts all the nerves asunder.

Too much fear is an enemy to good deliberation.

Too much of one thing is good for nothing.

Touch a gall'd horse on the back and he'll kick.

Trade is the mother of money.

Trade knows neither friends nor kindred.

Trust thyself only, and another shall not betray thee.

Trusting too much to others is the ruin of many.

Truth and honesty have no need of loud protestation.

Truth and oil are ever above.

Truth is the daughter of time.

Truth may languish, but can never perish.

Truth may sometimes come out of the devil's mouth.

Truth never grows old - Truth seeks no corners.

Truth will sometimes break out unlooked for.

Truth and roses have thorns about them.

Try your skill in gilt first, then in gold.

'Twas fear that first put on arms.

Two dogs strive for a bone, and the third runs away with it.

Two Sir Positives can scarce meet without a skirmish.

Two sparrows upon one ear of wheat cannot agree.

Two things a man should never be angry at, what he can help, and what he can not help.

Ulcers can not be cured that are concealed.

Unkindness has no remedy at law.

Unprofitable eloquence is like the cypress, which is great and tall, but bears no fruit.

Upbraiding turns a benefit into an injury.

Use pastime so as not to lose time.

Use soft words and hard arguments.

Use the means and trust to God for the blessing.

Vain glory blossoms but never bears.

Valor can do little without discretion.

Valor that parleys, is near yielding.

Venture a small fish to catch a great one.

Venture not all in one bottom.

Vessels large may venture more, but little boats should keep near the shore.

Vice is the most dangerous when it puts on the garb of virtue.

Vice often rides triumphant in virtue's chariot.

Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.

Virtue is more persecuted by the wicked, than encouraged by the good.

Saving at the Spigot and wasting at the Bung.

Penny wise and Pound foolish.

Virtue is the only true nobility.

Virtue itself does not escape calumnious strokes.

Virtue may be clouded for a while, but will shine anon.

Virtues all agree, but vices fight one another.

Vows made in storms are forgotten in calms.

Wake not a sleeping lion - Walls have ears.

Want is the mother of industry.

Want of care admits despair - War is death 's feast.

War makes thieves - peace hangs them.

Waste makes want - Waste not, want not

We are apt to believe what we wish for.

We are more mindful of injuries than benefits.

We easily forget our faults when nobody knows them.

We are usually the best men when in the worst health.

We know not the worth of water till the well is dry.

We are bound to be honest, but not to be rich.

Weight and measure take away strife.

We carry our neighbor's failings in sight - we throw our own crimes over our shoulders.

We do nothing but in the presence of two great witnesses - God and our conscience.

We lessen our wants by lessening our desires.

We must not look for a golden life in an iron age.

We seldom find out that we are flattered.

We should play to live, not live to play.

Well begun is half done - What has been, may be.

What a day may bring, a day may take away.

What can't be cured, must be endured.

What children hear at home, soon flies abroad.

What is done by night, appears by day.

What is one man's meat is another man's poison.

What is every man's business, is no man's business.

What may be done at any time, will be done at no time.

What is a workman without his tools.

What reason will not bring about, time often will.

What soberness conceals, drunkenness reveals.

What you do when you are drunk, you must pay for when you are sober.

What your glass tells you, will not be told by counsel.

Whatever is given to the poor is laid up in heaven.

When all men speak, no man hears.

When one grows angry, his reason rides out.

When a man's coat is thread-bare, it is an easy thing to pick a hole in it.

When bread is wanting, oaten cakes are excellent.

When either side grows warm with argument, the wisest man gives over first.

When every man takes care of himself, care is taken of all.

When God wills, all winds bring rain.

When good cheer is lacking, our friends go a packing.

When knaves fell out, honest men come by their own.

A small leak sill rink a ship.

Stop the Beginning of Evil.

The dyke keeps out the roaring ocean tide.

When men speak ill of thee, live so as nobody will believe them.

When the cat is away, the mice will play.

Whe the fox preaches beware of your geese.

When the husband is fire, and the wife tow, the devil easily sets them in a flame.

When the night's the darkest, the dawn is nearest.

When the pot boils over, it cooleth itself.

When the shepherd is angry with his sheep, he sends them a blind guide.

When the horse is stolen, you shut the door.

When you have bought one fine thing, you must buy ten more to correspond with it.

When you obey your superior, you instruct your inferior.

Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis felly to be wise.

Where something is found, there look again.

Where the bee sucks honey, the spider sucks poison.

Where there is whispering, there is lying.

Where there's smoke, there's fire.

Where vice is, vengeance follows.

Who depends upon another man's table, often dines late.

Who hunts two hares, leaves one, and loses another.

Who gives away his goods before he is dead, take a beetle and knock him on the head.

Who hath glass windows, must take heed how he throws stones.

Who knows nothing, doubts nothing.

Who shall hang the bell about the cat's neck said the mice.

Who spends before he thrives, will beg before he thinks.

Who spits against heaven, it falls in his face.

Who swims in sin, shall sink in sorrow.

Who teaches often, learns himself.

Who will not keep a penny, shall never have many.

Wickedness, with beauty, is the devil's hook baited.

Wine hath drowned more men than the sea.

Wine is a turncoat- first a friend, then an enemy.

Wisdom don't always speak in Greek and Latin.

Wisdom is neither inheritance nor legacy.

Wise men care not for that they cannot have.

Wise men change their minds, fools never.

Wise men learn by other men's mistakes, fools by their own.

Wit may be bought too dear.

Words may pass, but blows fall heavy.

Words show the wit of a man, but actions show his meaning.

Worth begets in base minds envy, but in brave souls emulation.

Would you know the value of money, go and borrow some.

Wranglers never want words, though they may matter.

Write down the advice of him who loves you, though you like it not at present.

Yielding is sometimes the best way of succeeding.

You bring a bit of wire and take away a bar.

You came for wool, but shall return shorn yourself.

You cannot catch old birds with chaff.

Nature will out.

You can't eat your cake and have it too.

You can't judge of the horse by the harness.

You dig your grave with your teeth.

You gazed at the moon, but fell into the gutter.

You have daily to do with the devil, and pretend to be frightened at a mouse.

You have found what was never lost.

You have taken a bite out of your own arm.

You hide in a net, and think that nobody sees you.

You may be a wise man, though you cannot make a watch.

You may break a colt, but not an old horse.

You may follow him long ere a shilling drop from him.

You may love your neighbor, and yet not hold his stirrup.

You must go into the country to hear what newsat London.

You must learn to creep before you go.

You must plow with such oxen as you have.

You must take the fat with the lean.

You must take the will for the deed.

Your looking-glass will tell you what none of your friends will.

Youth and white paper take any impression.

Zeal without knowledge is frenzy.

Zeal without knowledge is the sister of folly.

PROVERBIAL SENTENCES AND PHRASES, SELECTED FROM VARIOUS COLLECTIONS AND LANGUAGES.

Antiquity is not always a mark of verity.

Better go about than fall into the ditch. - Spanish.

The absent are always at fault. - French.

In vain he craves advice that will not follow it.

When a thing is done, advice comes too late.

Be slow of giving advice, ready to do a service. - Ital.

Give advice to all; be security for none.

If you wish good advice, consult an old man. - Port.

Though old and wise, yet still advise.

It's an ill air where nothing is to be gained.

Good ale is meat, drink, and cloth - English.

No alchemy like saving.

Anger dieth quickly with a good man.

He that is angry is seldom at ease.

For that thou canst do thyself rely not on another.

A Friend in need, is a Friend indeed.

The wholesomest meat is at another man's cost.

No one knows the weight of another's burden.

When you are an anvil, hold you still.

When you are a hammer, strike your fill. – Italian.

The ape claspeth her young so long that at last she killeth them.

An ape is an ape, a varlet's a varlet.though they be clad in silk or scarlet. - Spanish.

A broken apothecary, a new doctor.

Apothecaries would not give pills in sugar unless they were bitter.

Better ride on an ass that carries me, than a horse that throws me. - Spanish.

Ask but enough, and you may lower the price as you list.

Be not a baker if your head be of butter.- Spanish.

The balance distinguishes not between gold and lead.

There's no great banquet but some fare ill.

One barber shaves not so close but another finds work.

On a good bargain think twice. - Italian.

Barefooted men should not tread on thorns.

Bashfulness is an enemy to poverty.

Better to be beaten than to be in bad company.

Beauty is a blossom. - Beauty is no inheritance.

The beggar is never out of his way.

The beggar may sing before the thief.

Better die a beggar than live a beggar.

Such a beginning such an end.

He that makes his bed ill lies thereon.

He who lies long in bed his estate feels it

Who looks not before, finds himself behind.

Belle call others to church, but enter not themselves.

Be not too hasty to outbid another.

What is bought is cheaper than a gift. - Portuguese.

Who hath bitter in his mouth spits not all sweet.

The blind man's wife needs no painting.- Spanish.

He is blind enough, who sees not through the holes of a sieve. - Spanish.

That which blossoms in the spring, will bring forth fruit in the autumn.

He that blows in the dust, fills his own eyes.

The body is the socket of the soul.

It is easy to bowl down hill.

Brabbling curs never want sore ears.

The brain that sows not corn, plants thistles.

The ass that brays most, eats least.

oWould you have better bread than is made of wheat

Bread with eyes, and cheese without eyes. - Spanish.

As I brew, so I must drink. Some say, as I brew, so I must bake.

There is no deceit in a brimmer.

Between two brothers, two witnesses and a notary.

Building is a sweet impoverishment.

Building, and the marrying of children, are great wasters.

The greatest burdens are not the gainfullest.

To buy dear is not bounty.

Buy at a market, but sell at home. - Spanish.

Man's Extremity, is God's Opportunity.

There is no cake but there is the like of the same make.

In a calm sea every man is a pilot.

A good candle-holder proves a good gamester.

If thon hast not a capon, feed on an onion. - French.

The cat is hungry when a crust contents her.

The liquorish cat gets many a rap.

It's a bad cat that none dare speak in.

He that chastiseth one, amendeth many.

The charitable give out at the door, and God puts in at the window.

Though the fox runs, the chicken hath wings.

The chicken is the country's, but the city eats it.

Woe to the house where there is no chiding.

The child said nothing but what he heard at the fire.

To a child all weather is cold.

When children stand quiet, they have done some harm.

What children hear at home soon flies abroad.

Children are poor men's riches, certain cares, but uncertain comforts; when they are little, they make parents fools; when great, mad.

He that has no children, knows not what is love.

A light Christmas a heavy sheaf.

The choleric drinks, the melancholic eats, the phlegmatic sleeps.

Who never climbed never fell.

After clouds comes clear weather.

Give a down your finger, and he'll take your whole hand.

The cock crows and the hen goes.

When you ride a young colt, see your saddle be well girt.

The comforter's head never aches. - Italian.

He commands enough that obeys a great man.

It's good to have company in trouble.

Keep good men company and you shall be of the number.

Confession for a fault makes half amends for it.

He that contemplates, hath a day without a night.

He may well be contented who needs neither borrow nor flatter.

Clear conscience, a sure card.

He that cmvcrstth not with men, knoweth nothing.

Necessity is the Mother of Invention.

Corn in good years is hay - in ill years straw is corn.

Corn is cleansed with the wind, and the soul with chastening.

He covert me with his wings, and bites me with his bill.

A covetous man is like a dog in a wheel, that roasteth meat for others.

A dry cough is the trumpeter of death.

Keep counsel thyself first.

Give neither counsel nor salt till yon are asked for it.

Counsels in wine seldom prosper.

He that will not be counselled cannot be helped.

Courtesy on one side never lasts long.

Conns have no almanacs.

A friend in court is better than a penny in the parse.

To a crazy ship all winds are contrary.

Credit lost is like a Venice glass broken.

He that has lost his credit is dead to the world.

No man ever lost his credit, but he who had it not.

He getteth a great deal of credit who payeth but a small debt.

Crooked logs make straight fires.

Crosses are ladders that lead to heaven

Carrion crows bewail the dead sheep, and then eat them.- Italian.

Cruelty is a tyrant always attended with fear.

A cut-purse is a sure trade, for he hath ready money when his work is done.

Ten dance in a net, and think nobody seat you.

The danger past and God forgotten.

No day passeth without some grief.

A bad day never had a good night.

Every day has its night, every weal its woe.

Deaf men go away with the injury.

It's a wicked thing to make a dearth one's garnet.

Death keeps no calendar.

Men fear death as children to go into the dark.

Better to go to bed supperless than to get up in debt

He that gets out of debt, grows rich.

Deeds are fruits, words are but leaves.

Desires are nourished by delays.

He loseth his thanks who promtseth and delayeth.

A man may lose his goods for want of demanding them.

First deserve, and then desire.

Desert and reward seldom keep company.

Discreet women have neither eyes nor ears.

Sweet discourse makes short days and nights.

Hope for the Best – prepare for the Worst

Diseases are the tax on pleasures.

All her dishes are chafing-dishes.

The devil is not always at one door.

It's an ill battle where the devil carries the colors.

Diversity of humors breedeth tumors.

A man may cause his own dog to bite him.

The dog who hunts foulest, hits at most faults.

When a dog is drowning, every one offers him water.

Dogs wag their tail not so much in love to you as to your bread.

Dogs gnaw bones because they cannot swallow them.

Do what thou ought, let come what may.

A noble house-keeper needs no doors.

Do as the friar saith, not as he doth. - Spanish.

A great dowry is a bed full of brambles.- Spanish.

Fine dressing is a foul house swept before the windows.

He was hanged that left his drink behind.

Who loseth his due getteth no thanks.

Go early to the fish-market, and late to the shambles.

Wide ears and a short tongue.

Think of ease, but work on.

That which is easily done is soon believed.

He who eats his dinner alone, must saddle his horse alone.

Eat to live, but do not live to eat.

You cannot hide an eel in a sack.

Good to begin well, better to end well.

In the end things will mend.

He that endureth, is not overcome.

No man knows better what good is, than he that has endured evil.

If you would make an enemy, lend a man money, and ask it of him again. - Portuguese.

For a flying enemy make a silver bridge.- Spanish.

Envy never enriched any man.

Of evil grain no good seed can come.

Bear with evil, and expect good.

Evil gotten, evil spent.

That which is evil is soon learnt.

Evil that comes out of thy mouth flies into thy bosom.

Fair is not fair, but that which pleases.

One may sooner fall than rise.

Fall not out with a friend for a trifle.

If I were to fall backwards, I should break my nose, I am so foiled in every thing I undertake.

A fat house-keeper makes lean executors.

A fat kitchen, a lean will.

Every one basteth the fat hog, while the lean one burneth.

Such a father such a son.- Spanish.

The faulty stands on his guard.

He that lies down with the Dogs, will rise up with the Fleas.

Every one's faults are not written on their foreheads.

Better pass a danger once than be always in fear.

Fear not the loss of the bell more than the loss of the steeple.

Reckon right, and February hath thirty-one days.

He that hath a fellow-ruler hath an over-ruler.

Fiddler's fare; meat, drink, and money.

Take heed you find not that you do not seek.

Well may he smell of fire whose gown burneth.

The first dish pleaseth all.

Make not fish of one, and flesh of another.

Fish follow the bait - Fish make no broth.

In the deepest water is the best fishing.

He that is suffered to do more than is fitting, will do more than is lawful.

No man can skin a atone,

One flower makes no garland.

No one is a fool always; every one sometimes.

A fool demands much; but he's a greater that gives it.

Fools tie knots, and wise men loose them.

If fools went not to market, bad ware would not be sold. - Spanish.

One hole makes a hundred. - Spanish

If you play with a fool at home, he'll play with you in the market.

None but fools and fiddlers sing at their meat.

Better a bare foot than no foot at all.

Forgive any sooner than thyself - French.

The foremost dog catcheth the hare.

The persuasion of the fortunate sways the doubtful.

When fortune smiles, take the advantage.

He that hath no ill fortune, is cloyed with good.

He that will deceive the fox, must rise betimes.

When the fox is asleep, nothing falls into his mouth.

Foxes, when they cannot reach the grapes, say they are not ripe.

The best mirror is an old friend. - Spanish.

Life without a friend is death without a witness.

Make not thy friend too cheap to thee, nor thyself to thy friend.

When a friend asketh, there is no to-morrow.

A friend is not so soon gotten, as lost.

Have but few friends, though many acquaintances.

In time of prosperity friends will be plenty; In time of adversity, not one among twenty.

A tree is known by its fruit, and not by its leaves.

The further we go, the further behind.

Who would be a gentleman, let him storm a town.

It's not the gay coat makes the gentleman.

He giveth twice that gives in a trice.

A gift long waited for, is sold, and not given.

Giving is dead now-a-days, and restoring very sick.

Who gives thee a capon, give him the leg and wing.

To give and keep there is need of wit.

A man of gladness seldom falls into madness.

What your glass tells you will not be told by counsel.

He that hath a head made-of glass, must not throw stones at another. - Spanish.

Who hath glass-windows must take heed how he throws stones. - Spanish.

Do not say go, but go thyself.

God deprives him of bread, who likes not his drink.

God healeth, and the physician hath the thanks.

Get thy spindle and thy distaff ready, and God will send the flax; i. e. Let us do our duty, and refer the rest to God's providence.

God cometh with leaden feet, but striketh with iron hands.

When God pleases, it rains with every wind.- Portuguese

God comes at last when we think he is farthest off.

God hath often a great share in a little house. - Fr.

God, our parents, and, our master, can never be requited. - French.

No lock will hold against the power of gold.

You may speak with your gold, and make other tongues dumb.- Italian.

Where gold speaks, every tongue is silenced. - Ital.

When we have gold we are in fear, when we have none we are in danger.- Italian.

A good thing is soon snatched up.

A handful of good life, is better than a bushel of learning. The Spaniards say: A handful of common sense, is worth a bushel of learning.

Scald not your lips in another man's pottage.

Let other people's Quarrels alone.

One never loseth by doing good turns.

Good and quickly seldom meet.

Goods are theirs who enjoy them.- Italian.

Gossips and frogs drink and talk.

The greatest strokes make not the best music.

There could be no great ones if there were no little.

He that gropes in the dark, finds that he would not.

The groundsel speaks not save what it heard of the hinges.

He who is a good paymaster is lord of another man's purse.

The wise head doth not all the foolish tongue speaketh.

Happy is he who knows his follies in his youth.

The hard gives no more than he that hath nothing.

Things hardly attained are longer retained.

He who would have a hare for breakfast must hunt overnight.

Good harvest make men prodigal, bad ones provident.

He that hath a good harvest, may be content with a few thistles.

'Tis safe riding in a good haven.

The first point of hawking is hold fast.

The gentle hawk mans herself.

When the head aches, all the body is the worse.

One is not so often healed as hurt.

Health without money is half a sickness.- Italian.

What the heart thinketh, the tongue speaketh.

Who spits against heaven, it foils in his face. - Span.

Hell is full of good meanings and wishes.

Hell is paved with good intentions.

King Henry robbed the church and died poor.

The highway is never about.

Every man is best known to himself.

Dry bread at home is better than roast-meat abroad.

He is wise that is honest. - Italian.

Of all crafts, to be an honest man is the master-craft.

A man never surfeits of too much honesty.

Lick honey with your little finger.

He that licks honey from thorns pays too dear for it.

Honey is sweet, but the bee stings.

Honor and ease are seldom bed-fellows.

Hope is a good breakfast, but a bad supper.

He that lives in hope, danceth without a minstrel.

The horse thinks one thing, and the rider another.

Lend thy horse for a long journey, thou mayest have him return with his skin.

All things are soon prepared in a well-ordered house.

The foot on the cradle, and hand on the distaff, is the sign of a good housewife.- Spanish.

A hungry man is an angry man.

Be a good husband and you will get a penny to spend a penny to lend, and a penny for a friend.

Idleness tarns the edge of wit.

Idleness is the key of beggary.

Better be ill spoken of by one before all, than by all before one.

An ill stake standeth longest.

There were no ill language were it not ill taken.

The best remedy against an ill man, is much ground between both.

Industry is fortune's right hand, and frugality her left.

He goes not out of his way that goes to a good turn.

We must not look for a golden life in an iron age.

An itch is worse than a smart.

Itch and ease can no man please.

Jest not with the eye, nor religion. - Spanish.

The truest jests sound worst in guilty ears.

Wheresoever you see your kindred, make much of your friends.

A knotty piece of timber must have smooth wedges.

He that eats the king's goose shall be choked with the feathers.

Many kiss the hands they wish to see cut off.

He giveth one knock on the hoop, and another on the barrel. - Italian, i. e. He speaks now to the purpose, now on matters wholly extraneous.

He that labors, and thrives, spins gold. – Spanish.

The lame goeth as far as the staggerer.

The last suitor wins the maid.

In a thousand pounds of law, there's not an ounce of love.

The law is not the same at morning and night.

The worst of law is, that one suit breeds twenty.

A good lawyer, an evil neighbor.

He laughs ill that laughs himself to death.

He would not lend his knife to the devil to stab himself.- Italian.- i. e. So excessive is his avarice.

Let your letter stay for the post, not the post for the letter. - Italian. - i. e. Be always before-hand with your business.

A bean in liberty is better than a comfit in prison.

Every light is not the sun. - Like author like book.

Like to like, and Nan for Nicholas.

The lion's skin is never cheap.

A little body doth often harbor a great soul.

The little cannot be great unless he devour many.

Little sticks kindle the fire, but great ones put it out.

Little dogs start the hare, but great ones catch it.

That little which is good fills the trencher.

He can give little to his servant who licks his own knife.- Italian.

He liveth long that liveth well.

Life is half spent before we know what it is.

He that liveth wickedly can hardly die honestly.

He that lives not well one year, sorrows for it seven.

It's not how long, but how well, we live.

Who lives will see afar off. - Spanish.

Haste makes Waste.

He loseth nothing who keeps God for his friend.

He hath not lost all who hath one throw to cast.

London bridge was made for wise men to pass over, and for fools to pass under.

Love lives in cottages as well as in courts.

Love rules his kingdom without a sword.

Love being jealous, makes a good eye look asquint.

Love asks faith, and faith asks firmness.

They love too much that die for love.

They who love most are least valued.

Where love fails, we espy all faults.

A low hedge is easily leapt over.

Manners often make fortunes.

When many strike on an anvil, they must strike by measure.

Many ventures make a full freight.

Many without punishment, none without sin.

Many speak much that cannot speak well.

The March sun causes dust, and the wind blows about.

When the mare hath a bald face, the filly will hare a blaze.

The market is die best garden. In London they say, Cheapside is the best garden.

The married man must turn his staff into a stake.

Before you marry, be sure of a house wherein to tarry. - Spanish.

He who marries for wealth, sells his liberty.

One eye of the master sees more than four of the servants.

Though the mastiff he gentle, bite him not by the lip.

Use the means, and God will give the blessing.

Measure thrice what thou buyest, and cut it but once.

Measure is a merry mean.

All men row galley way. - Italian.- Every one draweth towards himself.

He is not a merchant bare, that hath money's worth, or ware.

It is good to be merry at meat.

Mettle is dangerous in a blind horse.

He that's aground knows where the Shoal Is.

Experience teaches far more than tongue can tell.

Mills and wives are never wanting.

The mill cannot grind with the water that is past.

The abundance of money ruins youth.

The most skillful without money is scorned.

He that hath money in his purse, cannot want a head for his shoulders.

Ready money will away.

Money is that art that hath turned up trump.

Money is welcome, though it come in a dirty rag.

Would you know the value of money, go and borrow some. - Spanish.

The morning sun never lasts a day.

A good mother saith not, will you, but gives.

You must not let your mouse-trap smell of cheese.

Music helps not the tooth-ache.

One nail drives out another. - French

A good name keeps its lustre in the dark.

The evil wound is cured, but not the evil name.

Nature draws more than ten oxen.

Who perisheth in needless danger is the devil's martyr.

New meat begets a new appetite. - French.

When thy neighbor's house is on fire, be careful of thine own.

He that runs in the nighty stumbles.

Txhe nightingale and cuckoo sing both in one month.

The more noble, the more humble.

Nothing down, nothing up.

Nothing have, nothing craves.

By doing nothing we learn to do ill.

He that hath nothing is not contented.

The nurse's tongue is privileged to talk.

The offender never pardons.- Italian.

The offspring of them that are very old, or very young, lasteth not.

It's ill healing an old sore.

He wrongs not an old man who steals his supper from him.

If the old dog barks, he gives counsel. - Italian.

Old friends and old wine are best. - French.

When bees are old they yield no honey.

The old man's staff is the rapper at death's door.

An old knave is no babe.

Where old age is evil, youth can learn no good.

He who bath but one hog, makes him fat; and he who hath but one son, makes him a fool.

He who is wanting to one friend, loseth a great many.

One shrewd turn deserves another.

One slumber invites another.

One story is good till another's told.

All feet tread not in one shoe.

If every one would mend one, all would be amended,

One and none is all one. -Spanish.

Once in ten years one man bath need of another.

There came nothing out of the sack but what was in it.

He who oweth is always in the wrong: He must endure every insult, lest he incur his creditors displeasure.

It's a rank courtesy, when a man is forced to give thanks for his awn.

The smoke of a man's own house is better than the fire of another's. - Spanish.

Where shall the ox go but he must labor.

Take heed of an ox before, a horse behind, and a monk on all sides. - Spanish.

Many can pack the cards that cannot play.

Let no woman's painting breed thy stomach's fainting.

Painted pictures are dead speakers.

On painting and fighting look aloof off.

He that will enter into Paradise must have a good key.

Say no ill of the year till it be past.

Pardon all men, but never thyself.

Every path hath a puddle.

Patch and long sk, build and soon flit.

Patience is a flower that grows not in every one's garden.

He who hath much pease may put the more in the pot.

Let every pedlar carry his own burden.

There's no companion like the penny. - Spanish

He that takes not up a pin slights his wife.

He that pitieth another remembereth himself.

Play women, and wine, undo men laughing.

Noble plants suit not a stubborn soil.

Fly pleasure and it will follow thee.

Never pleasure without repentance.

Make Hay while the Sun shines.

In Summer heat, when brightly shines the sun.

To make your hay, the proper time is come.

The pleasures of the mighty are the tears of the poor.

If your plough be jogging you may have meat for your horses.

Who boils his pot with chips, makes his broth smell of smoke.-- Italian

Poverty parteth friends [or fellowship].

True praise takes root and spreads.

Neither praise nor dispraise thyself, thine actions serve the turn.

He that will not be saved needs no preacher.

Prettiness dies quickly.

Who draws his sword against his prince, must throw away the scabbard.

It's an ill procession where the devil holds the candle.

Between promising and performing, a man may marry his daughter. - French. - Portuguese.

He promises like a merchant, and pays like a man of war.

He who promises runs in debt. - Spanish.

To promise and give nothing, is comfort to a fool.

He is proper that hath proper conditions.

Providence is better than rent.

He hath left his purse in his other hose.

A full purse makes the mouth to speak.

An empty purse fills the face with wrinkles.

Ask thy purse what thou shouldst buy.

An empty purse, and a new house make a man wise, but too late.

It's possible for a ram to kill a butcher.

The rath (early) sower never borrow of the late.

A man without reason, is a beast in season.

Take heed of enemies reconciled, and of meat twice boiled. - Spanish.

A good recorder sets all in order.

Remove an old tree, and it will wither to death.

When all is consumed, repentance comes too late.

He may freely receive courtesies that knows how to requite them.

Reserve the master-blow: i. e. Teach not all thy skill, lest the scholar over-reach or insult the master.

He who revealeth his secret, maketh himself a slave.

Riches are but the baggage of fortune.

When riches increase, the body decreaseth. For most men grow old before they grow rich.

Riches are like muck, which are useless in a heap, but spread abroad make the earth fruitful.

It's easy to rob an orchard when none keeps it.

A rugged stone grows smooth from hand to hand.

Better rule than be ruled by the rout.

The rusty sword and empty purse plead performance of covenants.

It's a bad sack that will abide no mending.

When it pleaseth not God, the saint can do little.

Salmon and sermon have their season in Lent.

A scepter is one thing, a ladle another.

You pay more for your suffering than your learning is worth.

Who hath a scold, hath sorrow to his sops.

Being on the sea, sail; being on the land, settle.

They complain wrongfully of the sea who twice suffer shipwreck.

Every thing is good in its season.

Lazy Folks take the most Pains.

Would you know secret, search for them in grief or pleasure.

He who seeketh a trouble never misseth it.

A man must sell his ware at the rates of the market.

He who serves well need not be afraid to ask his wages.

The groat is ill saved that shames the master.

It's a foolish sheep that makes the wolf his confessor.

Ships fear fire more than water.

A great ship asks deep waters.

Judge not of a ship as she lieth on the stocks.

The chamber of sickness is the chapel of devotion.

Silence seldom doth harm.

Silence is the best ornament of a woman.

Silks and satins put out the fire in the kitchen.

He that sings on Friday shall weep on Sunday.

The singing-man keeps his shop in his throat.

Sit in your place, and none can make you rise.

Slander leaves a score behind it.

He who desires to sleep soundly, let him buy the bed of a bankrupt.- Spanish.

Sloth turneth the edge of wit.

Better the last smile than the first laughter,

A smiling boy seldom makes a good servant.

The smith and his penny are both black.

Whether you boil snow or pound it, you will have but water from it.

Sorrow is good for nothing but sin.

When sorrow is asleep, wake it not.

Soldiers in peace are like chimnies in summer.

Who sows his corn in the field trusts in God.

He that speaks me fair and loves me not, I'll speak him fair and trust him not.

He that speaks doth sow, he that holds his peace doth reap. - Italian.

Speech is the picture of the mind.

Spend and be free, but make no waste.

The Jews spend at Easter, the Moors at marriages, and the Christians in suits of law. - Italian.

He who more than he's worth doth spend.

Makes a rope his life to end.

Two Heads are better than one

To a good spender God is the treasurer.

He who spends more than be should, Shall not have to spend when he would.

Who hath spice enough, may season his meat as he pleaseth.

It's a poor sport that is not worth the candle.

The best of the sport is to do the deed and say nothing.

That which will not be spun, let it not come between the spindle and the distaff.

Steal the goose and give the giblets in alms.

Step after step the ladder is ascended.

Who hath none to still him, may weep out his eyes.

The stillest humors are always the worst.

Who remove stones, bruise their Angers.

Who hath skirts of straw, needs fear the fire.

Stretch your legs according to your coverlet.

It's better to be stung by a nettle than pricked by a rose. - Spanish.

I sucked not this out of my fingers' ends.

Though the sun shines, leave not your cloak at home.

In every country the sun riseth in the morning.

He deserves not the sweet that will not taste the sour.

The table robs more than the thief.

Talking pays no toll.

Talk much and err much.

They talk of Christmas so long that it comes.

The taste of the kitchen is better than the smell.

To him that hath lost his taste the sweet is sour.

Who hath aching teeth hath ill tenants.

A thin meadow is soon mowed.

Think much, speak little, and write less.

The thorn comes forth with his point first.

He who scatters thorns, let him not go barefoot.

The thought hath good legs, the quill a good tongue.

A thousand pounds and a bottle of hay, is all one thing at doom's-day.

There are more threatened than struck.

He that is thrown would ever wrestle.

When it thunders, the thief becomes honest.

The tide will fetch away what the ebb brings.

Time is the rider that breaks youth.

If you quarrel with a Sweep, you'll get blackened.

Every one puts his fault on the times.

A long tongue is a sign of a short hand.

Better that the feet slip than the tongue.

He that strikes with his tongue, must ward with his head. - French.

The tongue's not steel, yet it cuts.

The tongue breaketh bone, though itself have none.

The tongue talks at the head's cost.

Let not your tongue cut your throat. - Arab.

Too muck breaks the bag.- Spanish.

Too much scratching pains, too much talking plagues.

Trade is the mother of money.

Trade knows neither friends nor kindred. - Italian.

When the tree is fallen, every one goeth to it with his hatchet. - French.

A tradesman who gets not, loseth.

Truth and oil are ever above. - Spanish.

Truth hath a good face, but bad clothes.

Follow truth too close at the heels, 'twill strike out your teeth.

No cut like unkindness.

Unminded, un moaned.

Under water, famine; under snow, bread. – Italian.

That's not good language that all understand not.

Who has not understanding, let him have legs.- Ital.

Where men are well used, they'll frequent there.

Valor that parleys, is near yielding.

Valor can do little without discretion.

He that waits on another man's trencher, makes many a late dinner.

For want of a nail the shoe is lost, for want of a shoe the horse is lost, for want of a horse the rider is lost.

Who preacheth war is the devil's chaplain.

War makes thieves, and peace hangs them. - Fr.

War, hunting, and law, are as full of trouble as pleasure.

He that makes a good tear, makes a good peace.

He is wise enough that can keep himself warm.

Good watch prevents misfortune.

He that hath a head of wax, must not walk in the sun.

Where it is weakest, there the thread breaketh.

Wealth, like rheum, falls on the weakest parts.

The greatest wealth is contentment with a little.

The gown is her's that wears it, and the world is his who enjoys it.

Change of weather is the discourse of fools. - Span.

Expect not fair weather in winter on one night's ice.

He that goeth out with often loss, at last comes home by weeping cross.

Weight and measure take away strife.

He that doeth well wearieth not himself.

Well to work, and make a fire, doth both care and skill require.

Such a welcome, such a farewell.

Welcome death, quoth the rat, when the trap fell down.

As welcome as flowers in May.

I wept when I was born, and every days shows why.

The worst wheel of a cart creaks most - i. e., The least capable of the company engrosses the discourse.

A man's best fortune or his worst is a wife.

Wife and children are bills of charges.

The cunning wife makes her husband her apron.

The wife is the key of the house.

He that hath wife and children, wants no business.

Where the will is ready, the feet are light.

To him that wills, ways are not wanting.

With as good a will as ever I came from school.

He that doeth what he will, oft doth what he ought not.

Will will have wilt, though will woe win.

Nothing is impossible to a willing mind.

Willows are weak, yet they bind other wood. - Ital.

Pull down your hat on the wind side.

Affood winter brings a good summer.

Wine is the master's, but the goodness is the drawer's.

Wine in the bottle doth not quench the thirst.

Wine is a turncoat; first a friend, then an enemy.

Wine that cost nothing is digested ere it be drunk.

You cannot know wine by the barrel.

You cannot drive a windmill with a pair of bellows.

You may be a wise man though you cannot make a watch.

Strike while the Iron is Hot.

Wise men care not for what they cannot have.

A wise man changes his mind - a fool never.

It is better to sit with a wise man in prison, than with a fool in paradise. - Russian.

None is so wise but the fool overtakes him.

Better to have than to wish.

Better it be done than wish it had been done.

If you wish a thing done, go; if not, send.

It is wit to pick a lock, and steal a horse, but wisdom to let them alone.

You have a little wit, and it doth you good sometimes.

He had enough to keep the wolf from the door - i. e. To satisfy his hunger.

Wolves lose their teeth but not their memory.

Who hath a wolf for his mate, needs a dog for his man. - Italian.

Who keeps company with a wolf, will learn to howl.

To woo is a pleasure in young men, a fault in old.

Green wood makes a hot fire.

Wood half burnt is easy kindled.

Better give the wool than the sheep.

Many words will not fill a bushel.

Words spoken in an evening, the wind carrieth away. - Ital. In heat of conviviality, men are apt to utter that which should be little regarded.

Words and feathers are tossed by the wind.

Good words without deeds are rushes and reeds.

One ill word asketh another.

They must hunger in frost, that will not work in heat.

What is a workman without his tools.

There needs a long time to know the world's pulse.

This world is nothing except it tend to another.

A green wound is soon healed.

A wound is not cured by the unbending of the bow.

Italian. To express sorrow when one has injured another, is not sufficient satisfaction.

Wranglers never want words.

The more thy years, the nearer the grave.

Years know more than books.

Youth will have its swing.

Youth and white paper take any impression.

A young man idle, an old man needy. - Italian.

Zeal without knowledge, is the sister of folly.

PROVERBS BELONGING TO HEALTH, DIET. AND PHYSIC

An ague in the spring is physic for a king.

Agues come on horseback, but go away on foot.

A bit in the morning is better than nothing all day.

Or, than a thump on the back with a stone.

You eat and eat, but you do not drink to fill you.

Children and chickens must be always picking.

Old young, and old long.

He makes himself Sugar - the Flies eat him up.

They who would be young when they are old, must be old when they are young. If thou wilt be healthful, make thyself old betimes.

When the fern is as high as a spoon, You may sleep an hour at noon. When the fern is as high as a ladle, You may sleep as long as you are able. When fern begins to look red, Then milk is good with brown bread.

Every man is either a fool or a physician after thirty years of age.

After dinner sit awhile, after supper walk a mile.

An old physician, a young lawyer. (Because an old physician has experience, a young lawyer has time to attend to your business).

Butter is gold in the morning, silver at noon, lead at night.

He that would live for aye, must eat sage in May.

After cheese comes nothing.

He that goes to bed thirsty, rises healthy. - French.

One hour's sleep before midnight is worth two hours after.

Often and little eating makes a man fat.

Young men's knocks old men feel.

Go to bed with the lamb, and rise with the lark.

Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Wash your hands often, your feet seldom and your head never.

Eat at pleasure, drink by measure.

Cheese it is a peevish elf, digesting all things but itself.

If you would have a good cheese, and have an old, you must turn him seven times before he is cold.

The best physicians are, Dr. Diet, Dr. Quiet, and Dr. Merryman.

Drink in the morning staring, Then all the day be sparing.

Eat a bit before you drink.

Feed sparingly and defy the physician.

Better be meals many, than one too merry.

You should never touch your eye but with your elbow.

The head and feet kept warm, the rest will take no harm.

Cover your head by day as much as you will, by night as much as you can.

Out of the Frying-Pan into the Fire.

Young flesh and old fish are best.

Fish spoils water, but flesh mends it.

Apples, pears, and nuts spoil the voice.

A quarian ague kills old men and heals young.

Old fish, old oil, and an old friend are the best.

Raw pulleyn, veal, and fish, make churchyards fat.

Of wine the middle, of oil the top, and of honey the bottom, is best.

The air of a window is as the stroke of a cross-bow.

If you would be ill, eat a heavy supper, then go to sleep.- Portuguese.

After pear, wine, or the priest.

After melon, wine is a felon.

Who steals an old man's supper, does him no wrong.

With respect to the gout, the physician is but a lout.

Tis good to walk till the blood appears on the cheek, but not the sweat on the brow. - Spanish.

PROVERBS CONCERNING HUSBANDRY, WEATHER, AND THE SEASONS OF THE YEAR.

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None are so blind as those who will not see.

Beans blow before May doth go.

A May flood never did good.

Look at your corn in May, and you'll come weeping away. Look at the same in June, and you'll come home in another tune.

Shear your sheep in May, and shear them all away.

A swarm of bees in May, is worth a load of hay; But a swarm in July, is not worth a fly.

Calm weather in June sets corn in tune.

If on the eighth of June it rain, It foretells a wet harvest, men sain.

If the first of July it be rainy weather, 'Twill rain more or less for four weeks together.

A shower in July, when the corn begins to fill, Is worth a plow of oxen, and all belongs there till. No tempest, good July, lest corn come off blue by.

Dry August and warm, doth harvest no harm. If the twenty-fourth of August be fair and clear, Then hope for a prosperous autumn that year.

September, blow soft, 'till the fruit's in the loft. A Michaelmas rot comes ne'er in the pot.

Good October, a good blast, to blow the hog acorn and mast.

November take flail, let ships no more sail.

When the wind's in the east, it's neither good for man nor beast.

When the wind's in the south, it's in the rain's mouth.

When the wind's in the south,

It blows the bait into the fishes' mouth.

No weather is ill, if the wind be still.

A hot May makes a fat church-yard.

A green winter makes a fat church-yard.

Winter never rots in the sky.- Italian.

Neither heat nor cold abides always in the sky.

'Tis pity fair weather should do any harm.

Hail brings frost in the tail.

A snow year, a rich year. - Italian.

A winter's thunder is a summer's wonder.

After a famine in the stall, comes a famine in the hall.

The worse for the rider, the better for the bider.

In the old of the moon, a cloudy morning bodes a fair afternoon.

As the days lengthen, so the cold strengthens.

If there be a rainbow in the eve, it will rain and leave; but if there be a rainbow in the morrow, it will neither lend nor borrow.

An evening red and a morning grey, is a sign of a fair day.

When the clouds are on the hills, they'll come down by the mills.

This rule in gardening never forget, To sow dry and set wet.

Sow beans in the mud, and they'll grow like wood.

'Till St. James' day be come and gone, You may have hops, or you may have none.

The pigeon never knoweth woe, But when she doth a benting go.

Think no labor slavery, that brings in penny savery.

All to well that Ends well.

They must hunger in frost, that will not work in heat.

Much corn lies under the straw that is not seen.

Oysters are not good in a month that hath not an R in it.

Where there is store of oatmeal, you may put enough in the crock-pot.

Tripe is good if it be well cleaned.

You must look for grass on the top of an oak tree.

If Candlemas-day be fair and bright, Winter will have another flight. If on Candlemas-day it be shower and rain,

Winter is gone and will not come again.

Butter is once a year in the cow's horn- i. e. In the time that she gives no milk.

By Valentine's day, a good goose will lay.

Under the furze is hunger and cold; Under the broom is silver and gold.

On Candlemas-day, you must have hair your straw and half your hay.

If you would fruit have, you must bring the leaf to the grave.

Make the vine poor and it will make you rich.

Set trees poor, and they will grow rich; set them rich, and they will grow poor.

Beans shoot up fast after thunder storms.

When elder is white, brew and bake a peck; When elder is black, brew and bake a sack.

The first pig, but the last whelp of the litter is best.

Pill a fig for your friend and a peach for your enemy.

A field requireth three things; fair weather, good seed, and a good husbandman.

The foot of the owner is the best manure for his land.

Take a vine of a good soil, and the daughter of a good mother.

He who sows his land, trusts in God.

A house built by a man's father, and a vineyard planted by his grandfather.

He that helps Another, helps Himself.

PROVERBS REFERING TO LOVE, WEDLOCK, AND WOMEN.

Love me little and love me long.

Hot love is soon cold.

Lads' love is a busk of broom, hot awhile, and soon done.

Love will creep where it cannot go.

He that hath love in his breast, hath spurs in his sides.

Love and lordship like no fellowship.

Love comes in at the windows, and goes out at the doors.

Love and a cough cannot be hid.

Whom we love best, to them we say least.

Old pottage is sooner heated than new made.

Wedding and ill-wintering tame both man and beast.

Marry in haste, and repent at leisure.

Motions are not marriages.

Like blood, like good, and like age, make the happiest marriage.

An ill marriage is a spring of ill-fortune.

Many a one for land, takes a fool by the hand. i. e. Marries him.

Who weds ere he be wise, shall die ere he thrive.

He that would the daughter win, Must with the mother first begin.

A man must ask a wife's leave to thrive.

A good wife makes a good husband.

There is one goodwife in the country, and every man thinks he hath her.

The wife that expects to have a good name, Is always at home, as if she were lame.

And the maid. that is honest, her chiefest delight, is still to be doing from morning to night.

He that tells his wife news, is but newly married.

The more women look in their glasses, the less they look to their houses.

A woman's work is never at an end. Some add: and washing of dishes.

In time comes she whom God sends.

When the good man is from home, the good wife's table is soon spread.

The good man is the last who knows what is amiss at home.

Children are certain cares, but uncertain comforts.

A little house well filled, a little land well tilled, and a little wife well willed.

One year of joy, another of comfort, and all the rest of content. (A marriage wish).

In the husband wisdom, in the wife gentleness.

My son is my son 'till he hath got him a wife; But my daughter's my daughter all the days of her life.

The lone sheep is in danger of the wolf.

A light-heeled mother makes a heavy-heeled daughter

HEBREW PBOVERBS

The ax goes to the wood from whence it borrowed its helve.

Do not speak of secret matters in a field that is full of little bills.

That city is in a bad case whose physician hath thegout.

Experience Teaches. Experience, in fact, is sometimes called the mother of science.

Do not dwell in a city whose governor is a physician.

A myrtle standing among nettles, does, notwithstanding, retain the name of a myrtle.

Where there is a man, there do not thou show thyself a man.

At the door of the fold, wards; within the fold, account.

He is pleased with gourds - his wife with cucumbers.

It is not as thy mother says, but as thy neighbors say.

We may not expect a good whelp from an ill dog.

The camel going to seek horns, lost his ears.

Many old camels carry the skins of the young ones to the market.

The great cab and the little cab go down to the grave.

As is the garden, such is the, gardener.

He that hires one garden (which he is able to look after) eats birds; he that hires more than one will be eaten by the birds.

If I had not lifted up the stone, you had not found the jewel.

Go down the ladder when thou marriest a wife - go up when thou choosest a friend.

Rather sell than be poor.

While the dust is on your feet, sell what you have bought.

Cast your staff into the air, and it will fall upon its root, or heavy end.

The wine is the master's, but the goodness of it is the butler's.

They had thought to put others into a sleeve, and they are put in themselves.

The poor man turns his cake, and another comes and takes it away.

An ass is cold even in summer solstice.

If you take away the salt, you may throw the flesh to the dogs.

The servant of a king is a king.

Do not dwell in a city where a horse does not neigh; nor a dog bark.

Make haste when you are purchasing a field; but when you are to marry a wife, be slow.

When the shepherd is angry with his sheep, he sends them a blind guide.

In the time of affliction, a vow; in the time of prosperity, an inundation- i. e. An increase of wickedness.

An old man in a house is a good sign in a house.

Woe be to him whose advocate becomes his accuser.

While the shoe is on thy foot, tread upon the thorns.

Your surety wants a surety.

One bird in the net is better than a hundred flying.

Never cast dirt into that fountain of which thou hast sometimes drank.

Do not look on the vessel, but that which it contains.

A lie hath no feet. - One sheep follows another.

In my own city my name, in a strange city my clothes procure me respect.

Spread the table, and contention will cease.

Tlie day is short, and the work is much.

If a word be worth one shekel, silence is worth two.

If the ox fall, whet your knife.

When the ox falls there are many that will help to kill him.

We must fall down before a fox in season.

Choose rather to be (he tail of lions than the head of foxes.

When the weasel and the cat make a marriage, it is a very ill presage.

If the whole world does not enter, yet half of it will.

He that has been bitten by a serpent is afraid of a rope.

The door that is not opened to him that begs our alms, will be opened to the physician.

Gnaw the bone which has fallen to thy lot.

Be not ungrateful to your old friend.

Be sure you're Right, then go Ahead.

The path of duty, is the path of safety.

Good Books create Knowledge, Virtue, and happiness

SELECT SENTENCES.

Gather instruction from thy youth up, so shalt thou find wisdom till thine old age.

Knowledge is the treasure of the mind; discretion the key to it; and it illustrates all other learning, as the lapidary doth unpolished diamonds.

To hear the discourse of wise men delights us, and their company inspires us with noble and gen-erous contemplations.

Courteous behavior and prudent communication, are the most becoming ornaments to a young man; with which he may be furnished by timely education, and the virtuous example of his parents and governors.

Jeer not others upon any occasion.

He dug a pit and fell into It himself.

To become an able man in any profession what-ever, three things are neccessary, which are nature, study and practice.

Opinion, and the desire of lasting fame, spurs on the ingenuous mind, and makes the greatest difficulties delightful.

There is a time when thou mayest say nothing, and a time when thou mayest say something, but there never will be a time when thou should say all things.

Those evils would break a proud man's heart, that would not break a humble Christian's sleep.

Rise from table with an appetite, and you will not be like to sit down without one.

Climb not too high, lest the fall be greater.

Let no condition surprise you, and then you will not be afflicted in any.

A noble spirit must not vary with his fortune, there is no condition so low, but

may have hopes; nor any so high, that is out of the reach of fears.

It is the excellency of a great mind to triumph over all misfortunes and infelicities.

Adversity, overcome, is the highest glory; and willingly undergone, the greatest virtue.

Sufferings are but the trial of gallant spirits.

He that forecasts what may happen, shall never be surprised; 'tis too late to begin to arm when the enemy is in our quarters.

Good actions once resolved, like fixed stars, should hold one and the same station of firmness, and should not be subject to irregular and retrogade motions.

The virtue of prosperity is temperance; the virtue of adversity is fortitude; which in morals is the most heroical virtue.

It is a Spanish maxim, He who loseth wealth, loseth much; he who loseth a friend, loseth more: but he that loseth his spirits, loseth all.

Anger may repast with you for an hour, but not repose with you for a night.

The continuance of anger is hatred; the continuance of hatred, becomes

malice: that anger is not warrantable that has suffered the sun to set on it.

Have not to do with any man in his passion, for men are not like iron, to be wrought upon when they are hot.

He that lets the sun go down upon his wrath, and goes angry to bed, is like to have the devil for his bedfellow.

Hath any wounded you with injuries, meet them with patience.

Hasty words rankle the wound, soft language dresses it, forgiveness cures it, and oblivion takes away the scar. Slow but sure.

Sudden and violent changes are not apt to prove lasting.

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger, and it is his glory to pass by a transgression.

Argue not with a man whom you know to be of an obstinate humor; for when he is once contradicted, his mind is barred up against all light and information: arguments though never so well grounded, do but provoke him, and make even him afraid to be

convinced of the truth.

Anger may glance into the breast of a wise man, but rests only in the bosom of fools.

By taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over he is superior.

To be able to bear provocation is an argument of great wisdom; and to forgive it, of a great mind.

Diogenes being asked how one should be revenged of his enemy, answered, by being a virtuous and honest man.

He that accustoms himself to buy superfluities, may ere long be obliged to sell his necessaries.

Ostentation of dignity offends more than ostentation of person. To carry it high is to make a man hated, and it is enough to be envied.

A good layer up, makes a good layer out, and a good sparer makes a good spender.

If money be not thy servant, it will be thy master.

The covetous man cannot so properly be said to possess wealth, as that may be said to possess him.

Other vices choose to be in the dark; only pride loves always to be seen in the light.

'Tis as disagreeable to a prodigal to keep an account of his expenses, as it is for a sinner to examine his conscience; the deeper they search, the worse they find themselves.

Much Coin, much Care.

Although we may have at all times food and raiment sufficient for one hundred persons, yet we cannot eat but one meal at a time, sit in but one chair, or wear but one suit of clothes.

Interest speaks all manner of languages, and acts all sorts of parts. Virtues are lost in interest as rivers in the sea.

There is no man so contemptible but who in distress requires pity. It is inhuman to be altogether insensible of another's misery.

Rather suffer wrong than enter into a law-suit; the first loss is generally the least.

Take heed you harbor not that vice called Envy, lest another's happiness be your torment, and God's blessing become your curse.

Virtue corrupted with vain glory turns to pride; pride poisoned with malice becomes envy. Join, therefore, humility with your virtue, and pride shall have no footing, nor envy find an entrance.

If we will know how little others enjoy, it will rescue the world from one sin, there would be no such thing as envy upon earth.

Never employ yourself to discern the faults of others, but be careful to mend and prevent your own.

If a jewel be right, no matter who says it is a counterfeit.

If my conscience tells me that I am innocent, what do I care who tells the world that I am guilty.

Deride not any man's deformities, but bless God that they are not yours. Men shall answer at God's bar for their vicious habits, but not for their natural imperfections.

A good word is an easy obligation, but not to speak ill, requires only our silence, which costs us nothing.

Discontent is the greatest weakness of a generous soul, for many times it is so intent upon its unhappiness that it forgets its remedies.

He that grieves for the loss of casual comforts, shall never want occasion of sorrow.

Fear not that which cannot be avoided. 'Tis extreme folly to make yourself miserable before your time, or to fear that which it may be will never come, or if it does, may possibly be converted into your felicity. For often it falls out that that which we

most feared, when it comes, brings much happiness with it.

Too much of a Good thing, Is worse than nothing.

Riches, if rightly used, may be rendered a great value to us, but if not so improved, they are worse than nothing. He who obtains riches and by them relieves suffering humanity, clothes the naked and feeds the hungry, this man's riches are a great blessing; but he who by them is en-

abled to indulge himself and others in fashionable follies and vices, had much better have remained poor.

"The children of rich parents," says a celebrated divine, "are placed in unfortunate cir-

cumstances, but (continues he) who among them believes it."

These children, being surrounded by abundance, do not feel under any necessity

for industry, or economy, in obtaining the comforts of life.

In the present state of mankind much leisure among the mass, would bring about a most deplorable state of society. It is true of men and women, as well as of children, "The devil finds some mischief still For idle hands to do."

Too much labor may also prove a curse.

Too much care, sometimes is worse than none.

Instances have been known where children have been smothered by too careful parents in guarding them from the cold.

A man cannot be truly happy here without a well-grounded hope of being happy hereafter.

If some are refined like gold in the furnace of affliction, there are many more that, like chaff, are consumed in it. Sorrow, when it is excessive, takes away the fervor from piety, vigor from action, health from the body, light from reason, and repose from the conscience.

Passion and reason are a kind of civil war within us, and as the one or the other hath dominion, we are either good or bad

Some persons are above our anger, others below it; to contend with our superiors is indiscretion, and with our inferiors an indignity.

Passions are a great deal older than our reason; they come into the world with us, but our reason follows a long time after.

He who commands himself commands the world too; and the more authority you have over others, the more command you must have over yourself.

'Tis more prudent to pass over trivial offences, than to quarrel for them; by the last you are even with your adversary, but by the first, above him.

Passion is a sort of a fever in the mind, which always leaves us weaker than it found us.

Restrain yourself from being too fiery and flaming in matter of argument.

Truth often suffers more from the heat of its defenders than from the arguments of its opposers; and nothing does reason more right than the coolness of those that offer it.

Vex not yourself when ill spoken of. Contumelies (insulting language or treatment) not regarded, vanish; but repined at, argue either a puny soul or a guilty conscience. The best answer to a slander is to answer nothing, and so to carry it as though the adversary were rather to be despised than minded.

Zeno, of all virtues, made choice of silence; for thereby he saw others' imperfections and concealed his own.

Passion makes those fools who otherwise are not so, and shows those to be fools who are so.

They that laugh at every thing and they that fret at every thing, are fools alike.

Beauty without virtue is like a painted sepulchre, fair without, but within full of corruption.

Better Bend than Break

He bends to the winds, and, like sapling, is preserved from harm.

In our progress through life, we shall find it to our advantage to stoop, or bend, in some circumstances in which we may find ourselves placed, where moral duties and principles are notinvolved.

"Stoop, stoop," said the doctor, " and you will save yourself many hard knocks in going through the world."

He that will take no advice, but be always his own counsellor, is sure to have a fool often for his client.

Vice creepeth upon men under the name of virtue; for covetousness would be called frugality, and prodigality taketh to itself the name of bounty.

When men will not be reasoned out of a vanity, they must be ridiculed out of it.

The pains we take in books or arts which treat of things remote from the use of life, is a busy idleness.

Obscurity in writing is commonly an argument of darkness in the mind, the greatest learning is to be seen in the greatest plainness.

Knowledge will not be acquired without pains and application. It is troublesome and deep digging for pure waters, but when you once come to the spring, they rise up and meet you.

Useful knowledge can have no enemies except the ignorant. It cherishes youth, delights the aged, ornaments prosperity, and yields comfort in adversity.

True philosophy, says Plato, consists more in fidelity, constancy, justice, sincerity, and in the love of our duty, than in a great capacity.

Literature is a kind of intellectual light, which, like the light of the sun, may sometimes enable us to see what we do not like; but who would wish to escape unpleasing objects by condemning himself to perpetual darkness. What Is Everybody's business is nobody's business.

He who wants good sense is unhappy in haying learning, for he has thereby only more ways of exposing himself. If you can live free from want, and have wherewithal to do good, care for no more; the rest is but vanity.

Wisdom and virtue are two infallible specifics against all the crosses and accidents of human life.

In the height of your prosperity expect adversity, but fear it not; if it come not, you are the more sweetly possessed of the happiness you have, and the more strongly confirmed; if it come, you are the more gently disposed and the more firmly prepared.

It is a necessary, and should be an indispensable rule in life, to contract our desires to our circumstances, and whatever expectations we may have, to live within the compass of what we actually possess.

The foundation of contentment must spring up in a man's own mind; and he who has so little knowledge of human nature as to seek happiness by changing anything but his own disposition, will waste his life in fruitless efforts, and multiply the griefs which

he purposes to remove.

No summer but it has a winter. He never reaped comfort in his adversity that sowed it not in his prosperity. Good men generally reap more substantial benefit from their afflictions than bad men do from their prosperities. Proud men never have friends. Neither in prosperity, because they know nobody; nor in adversity because then nobody knows them.

All are not thieves that dogs bark at.

The proverb teaches us not to put down every man as a villain, who has the appearance of one.

Many instances have been known of persons having a rough, forbidding, and even savage exterior, have had within, noble and generous hearts, tenderly alive to all the feelings of humanity.

We are too apt to condemn persons, because they belong to certain classes who are despised and detested.

A celebrated missionary among the savages of North America, came in contact with

a personage dressed in bear-skins, presenting a most savage and frightful appearance. When he came to converse with this Indian priest (for such he was), he was found to possess in a remarkable degree the spirit of true religion, a genuine reformer, one who labored for the best good of his countrymen, and wept over their folly and degradation.

Adversity does not take from us our true friends; it only disperses those who pretended to be such.

Never condemn a friend unheard, or without letting him know his accuser or his crime.

Prefer the private approbation of the wise and good, to the public acclamation of the multitude.

Every man is capable of being an enemy, but not a friend; few are in a condition of doing good, but almost all of doing mischief.

Do good to thy friend that he may be more thy friend, and unto thy enemy that he may become thy friend.

He is a happy man that hath a friend at his need, but he is more happy that hath no need of a friend.

Be slow to choose a friend, and slower to change him.

Courteous to all, intimate with few.

Scorn no man for his meanness, nor humor any for their wealth.

Choose not a friend on a sudden, or make any one your intimate, before you have experienced his integrity.

Never purchase friends by gifts, for if you cease to give, they will cease to love.

Being sometimes asunder heightens friendship.

The great cause of the frequent quarrels between relations, is their being so much together.

A friend cannot be known in prosperity, and an enemy cannot be hidden in adversity.

A man may have a thousand intimate acquaintances, and not a friend among them all.

The love of society is natural, but the choice of our company is matter of virtue and prudence.

Approve yourself to wise men by your virtue, and take the vulgar by your civilities.

If you meet with a person subject to infirmities, never deride them in him, but bless God that you have no occasion to grieve for them in yourself.

You may see your own mortality in other men's death, and your own frailty in their sins.

Tis a fair step towards happiness to delight in the conversation of wise and good men; where that cannot be had, the next point is to keep no company at all.

Open not your breast, like the gates of a city, to all that come: the virtuous only receive as guests.

A wise man hath his eyes open and his mouth shut; and as much desires to inform himself, as to instruct others.

St. Bernard says, the detractor carries the devil in his mouth; so he who hearkeneth to him, may be equally said to carry the devil in his ear.

Goods well bought, are half sold.

He that is of courteous behavior is beloved of all men; but he that is of clownish manners is esteemed by none.

He that compliments another with hearty wishes to his face, and afterwards degrades his reputation, is a double-tongued hypocrite.

Company, like climates, alters complexions; and ill company, by a kind of contagion, doth insensibly infect us. Soft and tender natures are apt to receive any impression.

Oftener ask, than decide questions; this is the way to better your knowledge; your ears teach you, not your tongue. Vicious company is as dangerous as an infectious and contagious distemper; therefore avoid it.

Our conversation should be such that youth may therein find improvement, women modesty, the aged respect, and all men civility.

The deepest waters are the most silent; empty vessels make the greatest sound, and tinkling cym-bals the worst music

He that talks all he knows, will talk more than he knows.

Great talkers discharge too thick to take always true aim. Excess of ceremony shows want of breeding. The civility is best which excludes all superfluous formality.

It is the glory of a brave man to be such, that if fidelity was lost in the world, it might be found in his breast.

There is nothing easier than to deceive a good man; he that never lies, easily believes, and he that never deceives, confides much.

To be deceived, is not always a sign of weakness, for goodness some-times is the cause of it. Have a care not to best so good a man that others may take occasion from it of being bad; let the cunning of the serpent go along with the innocency of the dove.

Men of the noblest dispositions think themselves happiest when others share with them in their happiness.

No character is more glorious, none more attract-ive of universal anmiration and respect, than that of helping those who are in no condition of helping themselves.

No object is more pleasing to the eye than the sight of a man whom you have obliged; nor any music so agreeable to the ear as the voice of one that owns you for his benefactor.

Let well enough alone.

It is not in the power of a good man to refuse making another happy, where he has both ability and opportunity. Mark Antony, when depressed and at an ebb of fortune, cried out that he had lost all except what he had given away. If incivility proceeds from pride, it deserves to he hated; if from brutishness, it is only contemptible. If you would borrow any thing a second time, uae it well the first, and return it speedily.

Never communicate that which may prejudice your concerns when discovered, and not benefit your friend when he knows it.

Never forget the kindness which others do for you; never upbraid others with the courtesies which you do for them. Let no one be weary of rendering good offices, for by obliging others we are really kind to ourselves.

No man ever was a loser by good works; for, though he may not be immediately rewarded, yet, in process of time, some happy emergency or other occurs, to convince him that virtuous men are the darlings of providence.

He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.

Greatness may procure a man a tomb, but goodness alone can deserve an epitaph. He only is a great man who can neglect the ap-plause of the multitudes and enjoy himself independent of its favor.

The nearest way to honor, is for a man to Jive that he may be found to be that in truth he would be thought to be.

The folly of one man is the fortune of another, and no man prospers so suddenly as by the errors of others.

Say little of persons that you can neither commend without envy, nor dispraise without danger.

Flatterers only lift a man up, as it is said the eagle does the tortoise, to get something by his fall.

It is more difficult to repair a credit that is once shaken, than to keep that in a flourishing greenness which was never blasted.

It cost more to revenge injuries than to bear them.

In our path through life, how much more noble to pass by the insults we may chance receive on our pathway. Life is too short, and our time too precious, to have our minds harassed or disturbed by the petty insults of a weak creature like ourselves.

When tempted to revenge, it will be well to ask ourselves, what real good shall we gain, even if it so happens that we are able to inflict a great injury on our enemy?

Great merit and high fame are like a high wind and a large sail, which do often sink the vessel.

Nature produces merit, virtue carries it to perfection, ana fortune gives it the power of acting.

A man ought to blush when he is praised for perfections he does not possess.

Not the multitude of applauses, but it is the good sense of the applauders, which establishes a valuable reputation. Some poor men are undervalued because worth nothing, and some rich men are overvalued, though nothing worth. Virtuous persons are by all good men openly revered, and even silently by the bad, so much do the beams of virtue dazzle even unwilling eyes.

If we would perpetuate our fame or reputation, we must do things worth writing, or write things worth reading. Many take less care of their conscience, than their reputation. The religious man fears, the man of honor scorns to do an ill action.

He that reviles me (it may be) calls me fool; but he that flatters me, if I take not heed, will make me one.

King Alphonsus was wont to say, that his dead counsellors, meaning his books, were to him far better than the living ; for they, without flattery or fear presented to him truth.

Gluttony kills more than the sword; for from hence proceed sloth, debauchery, heaviness of mind, and the dissolution of all virtues, with prodigality, and an innumerable long train of diseases, and even death itself.

Balance your expenses by the just weight of your own estate, and not by the poise of others' spending.

The shortest way to be rich is, not is by enlarging our estates, but by contracting our desires.

A great fortune in the hands of a fool is a great misfortune. The more riches a fool has, the greater fool he is. Pleasures unduly taken enervate the soul, make fools of the wise, and cowards of the brave. A libertine life is not a life of liberty.

Though want is the scorn of every wealthy fool, an innocent poverty is yet preferable to all the guilty affluence the world can ofler.

The Egyptians at their feasts, to prevent excesses, set a skeleton before their guests, with this motto, "Remember ye must be shortly such."

The great are under as much difficulty to expend, with pleasure, as the mean to labor with success.

There needs no train of servants, no pomp of equipage, to make good our passage to heaven; but the graces of an honest mind, directed by a true faith, will serve us upon the way, and make us happy at our journey's end.

I would not advise you to marry a woman for her beauty; for beauty is like summer fruits, which are apt to corrupt, and are not lasting.

There is a great difference between a portion and a fortune with your wife; if she be not virtuous, let her portion be never so great, she is no fortune to you.

It is not the lustre of gold, the sparkling of diamonds and emeralds, nor the splendor of the purple tincture that adorns or embellishes a woman, but gravity, discretion, humility and modesty.

Where diligence opens the door of the understanding, and impartiality keeps it, truth is sure to find both an entrance and a welcome too.

The hog never looks higher than his head. More than to eat, the hog does not aspire.

Like men who only live to eat and drink, Of Him who Feeds us all they never think.

Where love is, there is no labor; and if there is labor, the labor is loved.

The surest way of governing both a private family and a kingdom, is for a husband and a prince to yield at certain times something of their perogative.

He that contemns a shrew to the degree of not descending to word it with her, punishes her more than to beat her. Suspect a talebearer, and never trust him with thy secrets who is fond of entertaining thee with another's.

There is no crime more infamous than the violation of truth.

Lying is practised to deceive, to injure, betray, rob, destroy, and the like.

Lie not in mirth; jesting lies bring serious sorrows. He is a fool that destroys his own soul to make sport for other people.

Plain truth must have plain words; she is innocent, and accounts it no shame to be seen naked: whereas the hypocrite, or double dealer, shelters and hides himself in ambiguities and reserves.

There are lying looks as well as lying words, dissembling smiles, deceiving signs, and even a lying silence.

An honest man is believed without an oath for his reputation swears for him.

There cannot be a greater treachery, than first to raise a confidence aud then to deceive it.

All a man can get by lying and dissembling is, that be shall not be believed when he speaks truth.

If falsehood, like truth, had but one face only, we should be upon better terms; for we should then take the contrary to what the liar says for certain truth.

Where drunkenness reigns, there reason is an exile, virtue a stranger, God an enemy, blasphemy is wit, oaths are rhetoric, and secrets are proclamations.

Of all the vices take heed of drunkenness; other vices are but fruits of disordered affections; this disorders, nay banishes reason; other vices but impair the soul, this demolishes her two chief faculties, the understanding and the will; other vices make their own way, this makes way for all vices. He that is a drunkard is qualified for all vices.

While the drunkard swallows wine, wine swallows him. God disregards him, angels despise him, men deride him, virtue declines him, the devil destroys him.

In the first warmth of our liquor we begin to have, an opinion of our wit; the next degree of heat gives us an opinion of our courage. The first error brings us often into a quarrel, and the second makes us come off as pitifully. He that goes to the tavern first for the love of company, will at last go there for the love of liquor.

Make good use of time, if you love eternity, reflect that yesterday cannot be recalled, tomorrow cannot be assured, today is only yours, which if you procrastinate, you lose; which lost, is lost forever.

One day present is worth two to come.

Every thing of magnitude among men, has been accomplished by a succession of small strokes or blows.

In those countries where the people make their own rules, small strokes, produce great events.

A few votes among so many thousand cast, may seem of small amount, but one of them may overthrow a powerful party, and change the destinies of a mighty empire.

He that would have his business well done, must either do it himself, or see to the doing it.

Industry it never unfruitful. Action keeps the soul both sweet and sound, while slothfulness rots it to noisomeness. If you spend the day profitably, you will have cause to rejoice in the evening.

For every thing you buy or sell, let or hire, make an exact bargain at first, and be not put off to an hereafter by one that says to you, "we shan't disagree about trifles."

He that follows his recreation when he should be minding his business, is likely in a short time to have no business to follow.

After you have used faithful diligence in your lawful calling, perplex not your thoughts about the issue and success of your endeavors, but labor to compose

your mind in all conditions of life, to a quiet and steady dependence on God's providence, being anxiously careful for nothing.

The bow that is always bent will suffer a great abatement in the strength of it; and the mind of man will be too much subdued, and humbled, and wearied, should it b& always intent upon the cares and business of life, without the allowance of some,

thing whereby it may divert and recreate itself.

When you go forth upon business, consider with yourself what you have to do; and when you return, examine what you have done.

Let your recreation be manly, moderate, seasonable, and lawful.

The use of recreation is to strengthen your labor and sweeten your rest.

He that lives close, lives quiet; he fears nobody of whom nobody is afraid. He that stands below upon the firm ground, need not fear falling.

You will find by experience, (which is the best looking-glass of wisdom), that a private life is not only more pleasant but more happy than any princely state.

Every wise government will direct its legislation to the prevention, rather than to the punishment of crime.

The schoolmaster with his spelling book, can more effectually regulate the community, and prevent the commission of crime, than the soldier with his bayonet.

If we would prevent, or reclaim a people from crime and wickedness, we should aim to get their hearts right, rather than force them to act against their wills.

Moral changes must be effected by moral means.

In order to preserve a family, or community, in virtuous courses, temptations to

crime should be prevented, or removed as far as possible.

The man who has been addicted to intemperance, needs all the assistance which can

be rendered, to keep him from returning to his former habits. He needs all kinds of persuasion, legal, as well as moral.

Leisure, without learning is death, and idleness the grave of a living man.

Solitude relieves us when we are sick of company, and conversation, when we are weary of being alone.

As too long retirement weakens the mind, so too much company dissipates it.

A first minister of state has not so much business in public, as a wise man has in private.

Give me a retired life, a peaceful conscience, honest thoughts, and virtuous actions, and I can pity Caesar.

Counsel with caution; few are thanked for advice which they are forward to give.

Directly contradict none, except such as deal in bold, and groundless assertions.

Remember that a dollar in your purse, will do you more honor than ten spent.

Set bounds to your zeal by discretion, to error by truth, to passion by reason, to divisions by charity.

Let your prayers be as frequent as your wants; and your thanksgivings as your blessings.

He that dares sometimes be wicked for his advantage, will be always so, if his interest requires it.

If your mind suit not with your ends, pursue those ends which suit with your means.

In your discourse take heed what you speak, and to whom you speak; how you speak and when you speak; what you speak, speak truly; when you speak, speak wisely.

A fool's heart is in his tongue, but a wise man's tongue is in his heart.

Be timely, wise rather than wise in time, for after wisdom is ever accompanied with tormenting wishes.

Beware of a too sanguine dependence upon future expectations; the most promising hopes are sometimes dashed in pieces, by the intervention of some unforeseen and unexpected accident.

Prove all things, hold fast that which is good.

The numerous systems scattered wide abroad, Compare them closely by the Word of God. Hold fast the good, have all things truly tried By that all comprehensive guide. What'er is false, reject without delay.

It is much better to keep thy children in order by shame and generosity of inclination, then by fear.

In marriage, prefer the person before wealth, virtue before beauty, and the mind before the body; then you have a wife, a friend, and a companion.

Better bring thy mind to thy condition, than have thy condition brought to thy mind.

Keep your tongue and keep your friend; for few words cover much wisdom, and a fool being silent, is thought wise.

Know the secrets of your estate; how much you are able, and how much you ought to spend. But live not at the utmost, save something to pay for misfortunes.

Blame not before thou have examined the truth; understand first, and then rebuke.

To render good for evil is God-like; to render evil for evil is beast-like; to render evil for good is devil-like.

Sin and sorrow are inseparable; you cannot let in the one and shut out the other. He that swims in sin, must sink in sorrow.

Virtue is like precious odors, most fragrant by being crushed; for prosperity best discovers vice, but adversity best discovers virtue.

The principal point of wisdom is, to know how to value things just as they deserve. There is nothing in the world worth being a knave for.

When a man draws himself into a narrow compass, fortune has the least mark at him.

The soul is always busy, and if it be not exercised about serious affairs, will spend its activity upon trifles.

If a man cannot find ease within himself it is to little purpose to seek it any where else.

It is better to suffer without a cause, than that there should be cause for our suffering.

The way to live easy, is to mind our own business, and leave others to take care of theirs.

Use law and physic only in cases of necessity; they that use them otherwise, abuse themselves into weak bodies and light purses. They are good remedies, but bad businesses, and worse recreations.

Reproof should not exhaust its power upon petty failings; let it watch diligently against the incursion of vice, and leave foppery and futility to die of themselves.

If we would have the kindness of others, we must endure their follies. He who cannot persuade himself to withdraw from society, must be content to pay a tribute of his time to a multitude of tyrants.

He that can endure injuries and insults unmoved, calmly standing fast in his integrity, is a conqueror. His enemies will be discomfited.

In order to resist successfully, we must be guarded on every side. We may be assaulted from a quarter we do not expect.

We must stand fast in our integrity on every point, refusing to move one inch for whatever, or whoever, may oppose us.

In passing through life, the more patience and endurance we can exercise, when unavoidable trials and difficulties come across our path, the better it will be for us. It is declared on the highest authority, "Blessed is he that endureth temptation, who when he is tried shall receive a crown of life."

How little virtue could be practised, if beneficence were to wait always for the most proper objects, and the noblest occasions - occasions that may never happen, and objects that may never be found.

He that waits for an opportunity to do much at once, may breathe out his life in idle wishes, and regret in the last hour his useless intentions and barren zeal. It matters not from what stock we are descended, so long as we have virtue - for that alone is true

nobility.

In solitude, if we escape the example of bad men we likewise want the counsel and conversation of the good. To dread no eye, and to suspect no tongue, is the great prerogative of innocence; an exemption granted only to invariable virtue.

Frugality may be termed the daughter of prudence, the sister of temperance, and the parent of liberty.

He that is extravagant will quickly become poor, and poverty will enforce dependence and invite corruption.

No man is so open to conviction as the idler; but there is none on whom it operates so little.

It is certain there never was a man who said there was no God, but he wished it first.

While we are in this life, our best and securest condition is exposed to a world of sad and uncomfortable accidents, which we have neither the wisdom to foresee, nor the power to prevent: and where shall we find relief if there be no God.

They that deny a God, destroy man's nobility; for certainly man is of kin to the beasts by his body; and, if he be not of kin to God by his spirit, he is an ignoble creature.

In some cases it requires more courage to live than to die. He that is not prepared for death shall be perpetually troubled, as well with vain apprehensions as with real dangers! but the important point is, to secure a well-grounded hope of a blessed immortality.